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MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH PROVINCIAL CONVENTION OF THE ALBERTA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The twentieth Provincial Convention of the Alberta Women's Institutes was held in the Ballroom of the Palliser Hotel. Commencing with meetings of the Council on May 24th, the Convention was formally opened on Tuesday, May 25th, at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, President, presided during the opening session, with Mrs. Wm. Stewart, Vice-President, assisting her.

There were about three hundred and fifty present at the opening. Mrs. E. Kelly assisted at the piano for all the assembly singing. "O Canada" was sung, followed by the repetition of "A Club Woman's Creed."

Mrs. Ferguson warmly welcomed the delegates and visitors, expressing her desire that this Convention would bring to each one pleasure and renewed interest in Women's Institute work. She then called on the Provincial Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Milk River, for her report on the activities of the past two years. The Secretary's report will be found on page 19.

Mrs. E. J. Bell, Hussar, Supervisor of Girls' Clubs, gave a very fine outline of the activities of the Girls' Clubs during the two-year period.

Mrs. Wood added a vote of appreciation for the fine efforts of Mrs. Bell. The report is printed on page 40.

A few minutes of assembly singing were enjoyed before Mrs. W. Rothwell, Calgary, gave an interesting report on the Standing Committee of Canadianization and Immigration. Turn to page 63 for this report.

Mrs. Slater, of Calgary, then sang the solo "Land of Hope and Glory", asking they assembly to join in the chorus. An encore, "The Rose of Tralee", was also much enjoyed.

Mrs. W. R. Roberts, Sexsmith, gave the report of the Standing Committee on Education and Better Schools. This report is found on page 43.

Mrs. C. H. Stout, Calgary, brought in the report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Canadian Industries. It is found in full on page 57.

The President then nominated the following Committees:

For Nominations—Mrs. E. J. Bell, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Wishart.

For Resolutions—Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. Galbraith then presented some of the resolutions. These are found on page 15.

In discussing the second resolution, it was moved by Mrs. Champion and seconded by Mrs. Vanthirm, to extend the discussion on this resolution the following day. Carried. When it came for discussion again it was moved by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Huyck, that the words "recommending sterilization in such cases" be deleted. Carried.

BANQUET

The delegates, friends and visitors of the Alberta Women's Institutes repaired to the Alhambra Room of the T. Eaton Co. at 7.30 p.m. on May 25th to partake of a sumptuous banquet.

Mrs. Ferguson presided and spoke of this session of the Convention, honoring those Branches who had been organized twenty-five years ago and had been in operation continuously. Mrs. Ferguson mentioned that the first Women's Institute west of the Great Lakes was organized by Mrs. Graham at Lea Park in 1909. This branch ceased to function after a few years.

The chairman then called on Mrs. McIvor, of Stettler. Mrs. McIvor had been a charter member of the Institute at Lion's Head, Ontario. She was very keen on having the Institute movement brought to Alberta, and was one of the women who went to Honorable Duncan Marshall to get the Institutes going. Mrs. McIvor was the first President of Cowley Women's Institute, which was organized in December, 1912.

Mrs. H. Brown, Verdant Valley, was the representative from that Women's Institute. They were organized in May, 1912, and were first called Homemakers' Club, planning to change to whatever name the Alberta organization chose. They have encountered many obstacles, but have continued steadfastly.

Mrs. Wm. Paris represented the Raymond Women's Institute, which was organized in May, 1912. That fall they prepared a display of handicraft, canned fruits and vegetables to the Dry Farming Congress in Lethbridge. During the World War they worked for the Red Cross; later they assisted in erecting a war memorial. They still have seven charter members.

Mrs. E. Daley represented the Munson Women's Institute, which was organized November 7, 1912. They have four charter members enrolled now. Their Institute is linked with the development of their community and has a library of two hundred books.

Mrs. Sinclair has been president of the Walsh Women's Institute for twenty-five years, and in that time has missed only twelve meetings. They were organized in November, 1912, after a visit of the demonstration train. They have at present three charter members enrolled, and have their own hall.

Mr. Brailey then favored the assembly with a marimbaphone solo.

Miss Isobel Noble, of Wichita, Kansas, was the next speaker. Miss Noble was the first President of the Alberta Women's Institutes. She said coming back to Alberta was like coming home. Miss Noble told of her years as President when the Institutes were in their infancy.

Mrs. E. Baubier, Champion, second President of the Alberta Institutes, touched on the high lights of her term of office.

Mrs. Ferguson read a telegram from Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey Price, congratulating the Institutes on their years of service and extending wishes for their continued success.

Mrs. W. Huyck, Strome, called her term of office a "Period of Readjustment." This was the time of separation from the government. The New Institute Act was also introduced at that time.

Mrs. H. J. Montgomery, Wetaskiwin, read a message from Mrs. Fleming, of Alliance, who was the first Vice-President of the Alberta Women's Institutes. Mrs. Montgomery stressed the need of curtailment of finances during her years of President because of the depression, but they had always come "smiling through" the bad years.

Mr. Brailey again favored the audience with a musical selection.

Mrs. H. W. Riley, President of the Child and Family Welfare Council, brought greetings to the Institutes and told of happy associations with Institute activities.

With the singing of "God Save the King" a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

Wednesday Morning

The Wednesday morning session opened with the singing of "O Canada" followed by assembly singing. Mrs. Ferguson presided, assisted by Mrs. M. L. Thompson, Director of District No. 4. The President appointed Mrs. Oatway, Donald, and Mrs. D. Clark, Cluny, to act on the Courtesies Committee.

The President, Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, presented her report. She mentioned the Bulletins, the magazine "Home and Country" and the Mother's Bundles, the Lady Tweedsmuir Prairie Library Scheme. Mrs. Ferguson suggested ideas for Institute projects. Her report will be found on page 22.

His Worship, Mayor Andy Davison, of Calgary, was present and extended civic greetings of welcome. Mayor Davison stated that the problem of relief was the greatest problem that the people have to deal with. He also spoke of the shield presented by the News of the World, London, England, for Empire Baby Week. It came to Calgary from India and again to Calgary this year from Nigeria.

Mrs. C. H. Stout, President of the Calgary Women's Institute, brought greetings and congratulated those Institutes who had accomplished 25 years of Institute work. She also mentioned the interesting places in Calgary for delegates to visit if time allowed, and then extended a welcome to tea, that afternoon, in the Elizabethan Room of the Hudson's Bay Company. Mrs. Stout then presented the Convention with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. E. Morton, of Vegreville, replied to the greetings of welcome, and said that a convention was as a baptism of the spirit, especially where such kindly expressions of welcome made one feel happy that they were there.

Miss K. Green then favored the assembly with enjoyable readings: "The Story of Dad Sloane's Purchase" and "Radio Programs."

The reports of the Directors—Mrs. M. R. Upton, District No. 1; Mrs. W. Brown, District No. 2; Mrs. O. G. Sibbald, District No. 3; Mrs. M. L. Thompson, District No. 4—were read and adopted. These fine reports of the splendid work the Institutes have been doing will be found on pages 29 to 39.

Assembly singing was a means of relaxation between the reports. Shortly after twelve the Convention adjourned for lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon

The President, assisted by Mrs. M. R. Upton, Director of District No. 1, called the afternoon meeting to order. "O Canada" was sung and a few old favorite songs as well.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Montgomery, Wetaskiwin, was presented. Mrs. Montgomery stressed the need of adding exchange to all cheques; also, when sending money, will the secretaries note that all cheques or money orders should be made out to "Alberta Women's Institutes."

Mrs. Montgomery explained the items of the auditor's report and moved the adoption of the report. This was seconded by Mrs. Huyck, and is printed on page 26.

The Secretary was asked to read the resolution from the Convener's meeting re the Federated fees.

Moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Rothwell: "That whereas the Alberta Women's Institutes are not under Government supervision and do not receive financial aid, and due to the financial stress of the past few years, be it resolved, that we ask the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada to reduce the fees to \$100 per year, dating from this Convention, until such time that we are able to meet the greater sum."

Mrs. Huyck moved, and Mrs. Scott seconded, that the motion be amended to read \$150 per year. The amendment carried.

The Convention wished the delegate to the Federated Women's Institute of Canada to be instructed to ask for the reduction of dues to \$150.

The Federated fees for the past biennial term were discussed. Moved by Mrs. Greenwood, seconded by Mrs. Bell: "That the Alberta Women's Institutes pay \$200 this year." Carried.

The financial report as presented was then declared carried. The afternoon session then adjourned.

The delegates took advantage of the time to view the handicraft exhibits displayed in an adjoining room. Later they went to the Elizabethan Room of the Hudson's Bay Company to enjoy the hospitality of the Calgary Women's Institute. Tea was charmingly served by the members of the Calgary Women's Institute, who wore dresses of a period of years gone by. A delightful program of music and song was enjoyed.

Thursday Morning, May 27th

Mrs. Stewart presided over the morning session as Mrs. Ferguson left on the Wednesday evening train for Toronto after having received word of the serious illness of her mother. Mrs. W. A. Brown, Director for District No. 2, was assistant to the presiding officer.

This session opened with the singing of "O Canada", followed by assembly singing, under the leadership of Mr. H. P. Brown, of the Extension Department of the University of Alberta.

Mrs. W. A. Brown was presented with a beautiful silver rose bowl by Mrs. R. E. Wood, on behalf of the delegates from District No. 2. Mrs. Brown thanked the ladies and expressed her pleasure of the gift.

The report on the Standing Committee of League of Nations, prepared by Mrs. M. R. Morley, Verdant Valley, was read by Mrs. Campbell and is printed on page 52.

The Convention was then favored with a solo, "Paddle Your Own Canoe", sung by Mrs. H. J. Montgomery.

Greetings were read from Mrs. M. S. Rogers, Edmonton, who could not be present at this Convention.

Mrs. H. R. Evans, Innisfree, Convener of Child Welfare and Public Health, brought forward a fine report of the work the Institutes are doing in regard to health. This report is found on page 54.

Moved by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Bates: "That the delegates from Institutes who have paid their 1936 dues but not their 1937 dues be given one-half refund on their railway fares." Carried.

Assembly singing was again enjoyed, after which Mr. H. P. Brown, who is in charge of the Division of Visual Instruction of the University of Alberta, gave a brief address on that subject, showing the use of lantern slides, motion pictures and sound recording pictures in the modern school room. At the present time the University of Alberta is the only university in Canada doing this work. Mr. Brown showed a film called "Overcoming the Limitations of Learning."

Mrs. J. Macgregor Smith, Edmonton, gave a report on the Committee on Handicraft, and voiced her appreciation of the Handicraft Guild of Calgary for the judging of the handicraft exhibits. Mrs. Smith then presented the shield for the Institute winning the most points in the exhibit to Angus Ridge Women's Institute for this year. Mrs. Smith donated the shield, which is up for annual competition. The report is printed on page 61.

The election of officers for the ensuing term of 1937-1939 are as follows:

President—Mrs. William Stewart, Peace River.

Vice-President—Mrs. M. L. Thompson, Coaldale.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. E. Wood, Stony Plain.

Directors—

District No. 1—Mrs. W. R. Roberts, Sexsmith.

District No. 2—Mrs. E. E. Morton, Box 151, Vegreville

District No. 3—Mrs. O. G. Sibbald, Munson.

District No. 4—Mrs. J. A. MacQuarrie, Barons.

At the conclusion of the elections some of the resolutions were discussed after which the Convention adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

Mr. H. P. Brown led the assembly singing which opened the afternoon session. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. O. G. Sibbald were the presiding officers for the afternoon.

Mrs. D. Galbraith, Nanton, whose report is found on page 46, gave a comprehensive account of the work on Legislation.

Mrs. Farquharson then favored the Convention with several musical selections on the world's oldest instrument, the harp.

The report on Household Economics was given by the Convener of that Standing Committee, Mrs. R. E. Wood, Stony Plain. This fine report is found on page 49.

Miss Isobel Noble, Wichita, Kansas, who was the first President of the Alberta Women's Institutes, brought greetings from the rural women of Kansas. Miss Noble spoke on "What the Rural Women of Kansas Are Doing." The objective of the work in Kansas, both the 4-H Clubs for boys and girls and the rural women's work, is to train the people back to the farms. Miss Noble outlined the projects that Kansas women work on. They are: Foods and Nutrition, Nursing and Sanitation, Home Furnishing and Interior Decorating, Landscaping, Style and Charm Personality, Crafts, Music and Art, Book Reviews and Legislation. Miss Noble stated that each central unit had 15 demonstrations a year, and funds accrue for these projects from federal, state and county funds.

The Convention desired that Miss Noble convey greetings from the Alberta Women's Institutes to the women of Kansas.

Mrs. Lynch Staunton, on behalf of the delegates from District No. 4, presented Mrs. M. L. Thompson with a bouquet of roses, with their congratulations and best wishes on her becoming Vice-President. Mrs. Thompson gave a very charming reply.

Rev. Dr. Kelloway, Calgary, was the next guest speaker. His topic was "A Glimpse of Europe, With a Particular Reference to Women's Movements." Dr. Kelloway told of the youth movement and women's work in Germany, Russia, Sweden and Denmark.

In Germany fifteen million women were enrolled in the movement and were benefitting from the training. The purpose is to lift up Germany.

In Russia the slogan was for a strong and healthy nation. Institutes are held for the care of the mother and child. A new freedom for women is found in Russia, despite the fact that much of the manual work is done by women.

In Scandinavia, cleanliness was outstanding. Progress has been made in these countries by their co-operative movements. The Folk High Schools were very effective in their methods of training.

A few minutes of assembly singing were very much enjoyed.

The new Alberta Federation of Women was then discussed. Moved by Mrs. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Clark: "That because of our financial stress that we do not affiliate with the Alberta Federation of Women."

An amendment, moved by Mrs. Morley, seconded by Mrs. Ridley: "That this matter be left over until the next Convention so that the Institutes may have a chance to discuss it." Amendment carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bates, seconded by Mrs. Hosegood: "That the Alberta Women's Institutes continue the publishing of the magazine." Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Rothwell and Mrs. Scott: "That some form of appreciation be tendered Mrs. Ferguson." Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Champion: "That we give Mrs. Ferguson something tangible and permanent as a token of our thought." Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Brown moved an amendment: "That the gift be by donations of those present." Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Fulcher and Mrs. Evans: "That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Rogers for their splendid work on the History." Carried.

The remaining resolutions were then dealt with. All the resolutions will be found on pages 15 to 19.

Moved by Mrs. Galbraith and Mrs. Scott: "That a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring officers." Carried.

The Convention adjourned, to meet in Edmonton in 1939.

ALICE A. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

NOTE

During the meeting of the Council and Conveners of Standing Committees and Constituency Conveners, which followed the Convention, a silver tray suitably engraved was presented to Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, retiring President, and a silver rose bowl was presented to Mrs. J. A. Campbell, retiring Secretary, both given with best wishes from all the delegates attending the Convention.

At the same meeting Mrs. J. A. Campbell was elected 1939 representative to the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada Convention, to be held in Edmonton.

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RESOLUTIONS

1. WHEREAS during these times of stress many persons are suffering from mental disorders and are being sent to Ponoka for treatment, and

WHEREAS we do feel such confinement has a reactionary effect afterwards, we respectfully petition the government to set aside sufficient funds for the maintenance of rest homes where such cases could be placed under observation for a limited period before being definitely diagnosed as insane and placed in a mental institution.—Stettler Constituency Conference. Lost.

2. WHEREAS the number of mentally deficient children in the Province of Alberta has greatly increased in recent years,

AND WHEREAS in remote districts nothing is being done to prevent this rapid increase,

AND WHEREAS the burden in the province is of such extent that the cost of maintaining institutions for the care of such cases is greater than the cost of installing and maintaining our universities in the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Women's Institutes of Alberta be requested to put forth a united effort to have legislation passed placing more responsibility upon the medical profession practising in rural localities and the police magistrates, by requiring them to report cases to the Medical Health Board where there is any suspicion of mental deficiency in patients they are called upon to attend, and cases appearing in court, recommending sterilization in such cases. And furthermore, that this resolution be placed in the hands of the Council of the Women's Institutes to be presented to the Minister of Health within the shortest time possible; a petition to be circulated among the various Branches of the Alberta Women's Institutes advocating that a semi-yearly questionnaire be sent to all medical practitioners and police magistrates requesting them to report all suspicious cases of mental deficiency.—Red Deer West Constituency Conference.

Moved by Mrs. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Huyck: That this resolution be amended by deleting the words "recommending sterilization in such cases."—Resolution as amended carried.

3. RESOLVED that we, the Edson Women's Institute, protest the recent action of the Government in reducing the allowance for Travelling Clinics Amendment, and that clinics be restricted to districts where there is no adequate medical service.—District No. 2 Conference, Edmonton, 1936. Carried.

4. RESOLVED that a gavel be presented to each new Provincial President when she takes office. The gavel, with name and date of office suitably placed thereon, to be her own property at the conclusion of her term of office.—Moved by Mrs. McFarland, Irma, seconded by Mrs. Murray, Paradise Valley, No. 2 District Conference, Edmonton. Carried.

5. RESOLVED that commencing with the year 1937 the incoming President of the Alberta Women's Institutes shall, if possible, attend the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada Biennial meeting instead of the outgoing President as heretofore.—The Council. Carried.

6. WHEREAS for some time we have felt our Provincial Dues are much too high,

AND WHEREAS we never derive any apparent benefit from them after paying them,

AND WHEREAS it is too much for some of us to pay;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the undersigned go on record as petitioning they be reduced to the former rate of 50c per capita instead of \$1.00 as at present.—Lost.

Signed in favor: Rocky Mountain House W.I., Candor W.I., Unity W.I., Woodland W.I., Leslieville W.I., Sylvan Lake W.I. Against: Beaver Flats W.I.

7. WHEREAS under the present system of administering the Old Age Pensions Act there is much dishonesty in attempts to secure the pension, and

WHEREAS in our opinion all persons who have lived here for twenty years prior to reaching the age of seventy years are deserving of a pension;

THEREFORE be it resolved that we are in favor of old age pensions being given all citizens upon reaching the age of seventy years.—Conjuring Creek W.I.; Rainier W.I. Lost.

8. WHEREAS under the present system of clearing the land of all brush and bush, the southern portion of the Province has become subject to drouth;

THEREFORE be it resolved that we are in favor of legislation being enacted making it compulsory to leave at least ten acres of bush land on every quarter section, the same to be preferably in a strip on the north and west sides of the quarter; and in cases where the bush has been all cleared off, it shall be planted to a shelter belt.—Conjuring Creek W.I.; Rainier W.I. Carried.

9. WHEREAS the Department of Education has deemed it advisable to include singing and physical training in the present course of studies for public schools,

AND WHEREAS these subjects are given little or no attention in many rural schools;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Department of Education urge upon the inspectors, school boards and teachers the necessity of using the course of study in these subjects to the fullest extent.—Paradise Valley W.I., President, Mrs. Mabel Pedden, Secretary, Mrs. Florence Karpoff; Primrose W.I., President, Edith F. Evans, Secretary-Treasurer, Florance Colthorpe. Carried.

10. BE IT RESOLVED that except in the event of an invasion of Canada and attack, the authority of parliament to declare war shall not become effective until confirmed by a majority of all votes cast thereon in a Dominion-wide referendum.—District No. 4 Conference. Carried.

11. BE IT RESOLVED that whenever war is declared, the Prime Minister shall immediately conscript and take over for use by government all the public and private war properties, yards, factories and supplies, fixing the compensation for private properties temporarily employed for the war period at a rate not in excess of 4% per annum.—District No. 4 Conference. Carried.

12. WHEREAS we view with great seriousness the undiminished threat of war, and

WHEREAS we believe that such a method of attempting to settle international disputes is both barbarous and futile, that war is deep-rooted in economic maladjustment and the lure offered to human greed in the manufacture and distribution of war materials;

THEREFORE we demand that the government of Canada give a guarantee to its citizens that in the event of pledging itself to future war, there shall be complete and effective conscription of wealth for national uses before there shall be any conscription of manhood,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Canada shall be committed to the policy of removing entirely from private and corporate control the production and distribution of the equipment necessary for the prosecution of warfare.—Passed by the Annual Convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta, 1936; Endorsed by District No. 4 Conference. Endorsed.

13. WHEREAS the basic industry of the Province is agriculture,

AND WHEREAS the beet industry is one of its best stabilizers, giving employment to hundreds and good returns to farmers;

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the W.I. pledge themselves to purchase only beet sugar manufactured in Alberta, and also give first choice to all other Alberta-manufactured products.—Warner Constituency Conference, 1936. Carried.

14. BE IT RESOLVED that this District No. 4 of the Alberta Women's Institute commend the work done by the Censor board of the moving pictures, but deplore the frequency with which alcoholic liquors are presented in pictures.—District No. 4 Conference. Carried.

15. BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference of District No. 4 go on record as voicing its disapproval of some of the current literature appearing on the news-stands as being against the best interests of the children.—District No. 4 Conference. Carried.

16. WHEREAS syphilis is gaining such a hold on the people of Canada;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Darkfield or Wasserman test be made compulsory through an examination by a qualified physician before a marriage certificate is granted.—District No. 4 Conference. Carried.

17. WHEREAS the disease syphilis is becoming so prevalent;

BE IT RESOLVED that all persons admitted to hospitals for any cause whatsoever be required to take the Darkfield or Wasserman blood tests.—District No. 4 Conference. Carried.

18. WHEREAS codeine is being extensively used by drug addicts as a substitute for narcotic drugs; is easily obtained, and,

WHEREAS medical opinion regards it as habit-forming in its effects, and detrimental to the health and morals of our young people, and

WHEREAS figures taken from the report of the Opium Advisory Committee of the League of Nations show Canada to be using four times as much per capita as the United States, eleven times as much as Great Britain, and twenty-five times as much per capita as Australia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Women's Institutes of Alberta do all in their power to arouse public opinion along this line, and to have codeine classed as a habit-forming drug and placed on the list of restricted drugs.—District No. 4 Conference. Carried.

19. WHEREAS many Conveners of Standing Committees are desirous of having a copy of the report book as help in their work, and have been unable to obtain copies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we recommend that enough copies of this report be printed so that Conveners of Standing Committees, who wish may be able to purchase a copy.—District No. 4 Conference. Carried.

20. WHEREAS the Women's Home Bureau has been a vital factor in the life of the farm people;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this department be reinstated according to the reorganization of 1935.—Passed by the Annual Convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta, January, 1936. Endorsed by District Conference, April 2, 1937. Endorsed.

21. WHEREAS Judge Emily Murphy was such an outstanding woman, especially in her work in the juvenile courts of Alberta;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that some fitting memorial be erected to perpetuate her memory—Passed by Drumheller-Handhills Const. Conference, 1935; reaffirmed 1936.

Amendment moved by Mrs. Newman, seconded by Mrs. Daly, to have the words added "If this has not already been done." Resolution as amended carried.

22. THAT WHEREAS there is an apparent increase in drunkenness among youth of rural communities at dances and other places of amusement,

AND WHEREAS parents of such youth, through lack of money, are unable to defend their children against those providing liquor at such places,

AND WHEREAS the party guilty of selling liquor illegally, if charged with such offense, is almost invariably able to procure the services of a skilled lawyer, while the minor or the parents of the minor are dependent entirely on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to plead their case,

AND WHEREAS the average mounted policeman is not competent to plead a case against the average member of the legal profession;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Women's Institute request the Government of the Province of Alberta to make provision that whenever a minor be involved in any court proceeding under The Alberta Liquor Act, such minor may have the services of a qualified lawyer free of charge.—Lochearn W.I., Rocky Mountain House; Unity W.I., Dovercourt.

Amendment by Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. Meers—This to be left in the hands of the Council for further information. Carried.

23. RESOLVED that the Alberta Women's Institutes, meeting in Convention, extend their sincere thanks to the Calgary Women's Institute for the cordial welcome given through Mrs. Stout; for the beautiful bouquet; for tea at the Elizabethan Room, Hudson's Bay Co.; to Mayor Davison for the civic welcome; to Mrs. Kelly as pianist; to the Handicraft Guild; to Mr. Brown, of the Department of Extension; to the Press representatives; to our Publicity Secretaries, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Norton; to Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Montgomery in appreciation of their work in preparing the History of the A.W.I.; to Mr. and Mrs. Brailey, Mrs. Slater, Miss Green, Miss Farquharson for their share in bringing enjoyment to the Convention; to Miss Noble and Dr. Kelloway; to those who so kindly assisted in the office, and to all others who helped to make this Conference so enjoyable.—Mrs. E. Oatway and Mrs. D. Clark, Committee. Carried.

The Strength of Sweetness Comes With Pure ALBERTA SUGAR

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Milk River.

Madam President and Fellow Institute Members:

Two years have passed since we met together in Provincial Convention. We are happy to meet again and to enjoy one another's companionship. May I wish that you will all have a very enjoyable and instructive few days, and that you may gather inspiration from the records of service that you will hear.

At the close of the 1935 Convention, held in the University of Alberta, Edmonton, the Council met to complete the details of operation for the coming biennial term.

I was asked by the Council to take over the work of the Business Secretary as well as the Recording Secretary. I have very much enjoyed my work, though at times it has been arduous. In the two years over 6,970 pieces of mail have left my office. This includes supplies, bulletins and letters. I have tried to accomplish the tasks that came before me faithfully, and for any errors made I crave your indulgence.

My first duty was to compile and edit the Convention report. We are very grateful to the many business firms who contributed advertisements amounting to \$193.85. This did not cover the cost of printing, etc, but helped to a great extent. I wish to thank the ladies who so kindly gave of their time and energy to secure these advertisements. The report was sent out to each Institute, Constituency Conveners, Conveners of Standing Committees, Provincial officers, and one sent to each Superintendent and President of Institutes in the other Provinces. All the advertisers received copies. We have had requests for our Convention report from the British Isles.

The report has also been sent to places where information regarding new Institutes has been sought.

I was asked by our President to meet in Calgary on September 26th, 1935, with the Law Committee of Local Council of Women. Three members from each organization were asked to attend. Mrs. H. W. Riley, of the Child and Family Welfare Council, was the President. Resolutions from various organizations were sent to this Council for discussion. A delegation from this group would go to Edmonton to interview the Premier and his Cabinet before the opening of the 1936 session.

On September 3rd and 4th, 1936, the members of the Council met in the Board Room of the York Hotel, Calgary. Preceding the opening of the Council meeting we attended a luncheon, given by the women's organizations of Calgary, in honor of Her Excellency Lady Tweedsmuir. After the luncheon, Her Excellency expressed the wish that she desired to meet the executive of the Alberta Women's Institute in her suite. Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. C. Stout were received by Lady Tweedsmuir. Her Excellency expressed her deep interest in the Institutes and wished to show her interest in a tangible way. Thus was born the Lady Tweedsmuir Prairie Library.

Three Institutes, Uneeda (Elk Point), Beaver River and Flat Lake, were so far from the other Branches of the Constituency they were located in, and as they never got to the Constituency meetings owing to roads and weather, they asked to have a Constituency of their own. This the Council agreed to and the Constituency is now known as the St. Paul Constituency.

Poplar Ridge Institute, when they organized, asked to be placed in the Red Deer Centre Constituency instead of the Red Deer West Constituency, as this was in line and near their other activities. This request was granted.

The Council also gave its approval to the Kinsella and Viking Institutes being transferred from the Sedgewick to the Wainwright Constituency.

Lochearn Women's Institute asked to have its name changed to the Rocky Mountain House Women's Institute, as the former name was unsatisfactory, in that it was not indicative of address and lacked the historical interest that Rocky Mountain House gave them. Their resolution was adopted and the change of name granted.

Arrangements were made for the 1937 Conference and it was thought advisable to begin work on the history of the Alberta Women's Institutes, before those on in years, who had taken part in the early Institutes, passed on. Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Rogers were asked to undertake the task of writing the history.

Mrs. H. W. Riley, of the Child and Family Welfare Council, asked that each Provincial Women's Organization send three representatives to a meeting called in Calgary on September 25th to form a Women's Federation, to strengthen the petitions of the women that were to be sent to the government.

The Council appointed Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Stout to represent the Alberta Women's Institutes at this meeting.

A Federation of Women was formed and an outline adopted. This will be later presented for your endorsement or rejection.

There are at present 36 Constituencies in the Province and 262 Institutes. Since the last Convention six Branches, Atlee, Brooksley, Chancellor, McHendry and Whitemud have disbanded. Blackfalds became a Community Club. Arthurville-Paulson also disbanded.

Three branches have reorganized. They are: Stoneyhurst at Alsask, May 30th, 1935; Uneeda at Elk Point, on June 19th, 1936, and Reid Hill, on December 10th, 1936.

There are fourteen new Institutes. They are as follows, with the date of organization:

Dartique, at Cochrane on June 1st, 1935.
 Alida, at Vegreville on September 17th, 1935.
 Poplar Ridge, at Red Deer on October 12th, 1935.
 Lucky Strike, at Lucky Strike, on January 8th, 1936.
 Echo Hill, at Legal on February 19th, 1936.
 Birch Lake, at Clive on February 20th, 1936.
 Primrose, at Innisfree on March 16th, 1936.
 Albert, at Irma on May 22nd, 1936.
 Torrington, at Torrington on June 5th, 1936.
 Westoe Wanderers, at Midnapore on September 16th, 1936.
 Optimistic, at Kipp on November 3rd, 1936.
 Big Prairie, at Cremona on December 9th, 1936.
 Reliance, at Taber on December 3rd, 1936.
 Faust, at Faust on March 3rd, 1937.

We heartily welcome these new Institutes to this Convention and hope for them, success and happiness.

It is a pleasure to report that there are twelve new Girls' Clubs. They are as follows, with the organization date:

Manyberries Juniors, at Manyberries on June 12th, 1935.
Chick-a-Dees, at Seebe on June 10th, 1935.
Turin Toilers, at Turin on October 12th, 1935.
Social Plains, at Bindloss on October 15th, 1935.
Peppy Pals, at Nemiscam on November 11th, 1935.
Sunshine Juniors, at Coutts on November 22nd, 1935.
Egremont, at Egremont on March 19th, 1936.
Mother's Helpers, at Ohaton on August 7th, 1936.
Jolly Jokers, at Nobleford on October 26th, 1936.
Deed-a-Day, at Warner on November 28th, 1936.
Golden Prairie, at New Dayton on December 3rd, 1936.
Busy Bees, at Calmar on April 24th, 1937.

In December, 1935, 264 annual report forms were sent out. One hundred and eighty-four of these were filled in and returned to me. Compiled and tabulated they show a membership of 3,532. These Institutes have raised \$25,562.87, and their disbursements amount to \$21,180. Aside from dues (Provincial, District and Constituency), these sums have been distributed as follows: Public health, \$1,592.87; education, \$1,087.24, and community betterment, \$6,013.08, and other voluntary contributions to Philanthropic or Benevolent organizations, \$620.55. Of this amount the Salvation Army received \$74.10; Red Cross, \$98.75; Wood's Christian Home, \$34.00, and the Jubilee Cancer Fund, \$191.05.

In 1936, 261 annual report forms were mailed and 189 were returned. It is a great convenience to receive a list of the new officers early in the year. According to these reports there is a membership of 3,450, not including the 70 Institutes which did not send in their reports.

The figures show that the sum of \$27,407.77 was raised by the Institutes in 1936, and their expenditures were \$21,307.46—\$2,031.87 was spent on public health, \$1,854.90 on Education. Community betterment, \$4,376.75, and other contributions amounted to \$655.98, besides the fees for the organization. The Red Cross received \$36.95; the Salvation Army, \$43.30; Wood's Home, \$10.00, and the Southern Alberta Radium Fund, \$435.79. I wish these figures could tell you just how great a work the Institutes are doing in their communities, but those activities will be told in other reports.

Whenever it has been possible an effort has been made to send several lots of material in the same envelope to save postage. Bulletins, nursing course and other materials were sent in one envelope.

In recent correspondence I have received so many kindly words from Institute women all over the Province, extending their good wishes for a very happy and successful Conference. This I would like to pass on to you from those at home who are thinking of us.

Since making up my report I have received the organization forms for a new Coronation Institute. It is named "Glamis" and was organized on May 14th in the Olds West Constituency. To this Branch we extend fellowship and wish it good luck.

I respectfully submit and move the adoption of this report.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. J. P. Ferguson

In bringing this, my last report to you as President, I am moved by feelings of pleasure and regret; pleasure at the thought that so many rural women have been able to come to this Convention to assist in planning the future of our organization, and regret that now the time has come when I must sever the bond which has knit me so closely to you during the last four years.

These have been years of rejoicing at aims achieved and objectives reached, but, of course, there have been disappointments too.

I wish to dwell for a few minutes on some of the things it has been my privilege to do, or to assist in doing, since our Convention in Edmonton in 1935.

Within a couple of weeks after that Convention I was on my way to attend the Biennial meeting of the Board of Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, at Charlottetown, P.E.I., as one of your representatives. For four days the Board discussed plans for Institute work throughout the Dominion, in the Confederation Room in the Legislative Buildings. I am told that is the first women's meeting ever to be held in that historic room, which gives you an idea of the respect shown our group by the Government of "The Island." As each Branch has already received a copy of the printed report of the meetings, I need not take time here to say anything further about them, except to pay tribute to the very friendly welcome the members of the Board received from everyone in Charlottetown and other parts of the Province which we visited.

At a meeting of Constituency Conveners and Conveners of Standing Committees, held at the close of the last Convention, the attention of the Council was drawn to the difficulty which many Institutes experienced in raising money to pay their Provincial Fund allotment, owing to the general condition of depression then existing throughout the Province.

It was then decided at this meeting that as a Jubilee gift to those Institutes which had suffered in this way, all arrears of Provincial Fund dues should be cancelled. So that, beginning in May, 1935, every Institute in the province started off with a clear slate so far as Provincial dues were concerned.

At this same meeting discussion took place as to the material to be sent out to the Branches by Conveners of Standing Committees. It appeared the consensus of opinion that insufficient assistance had been given by the Conveners in the past. It was therefore decided that each Convester should prepare and forward to the Branches one Bulletin during the winter of 1935-36 with as much subject matter and plans relative to the work of her committee as she should think necessary.

As you know this was done and so great a need did these bulletins seem to fill that when the Institutes were circularized as to the advisability of repeating the plan the following year there was an overflowing majority in favor of so doing.

The Council learned that for practically the same expense it would be possible to have bulletins from the Conveners of the Committees, together with other material, printed in the form of a four-page magazine. So during the winter 1936-37 "Home and Country" was launched. Four issues have been printed and a copy of each sent to every Institute.

The expense of publishing "Home and Country" has been paid out of the Provincial Fund. The Council thought it well to do this in order to give the Institutes an opportunity to decide whether they wished the magazine to become a regular part of Institute activities. However, I believe, that should this Convention decide to carry on "Home and Country", it can very easily be placed on a paying financial basis at a very low cost to each subscriber.

It was my privilege to attend the closing exercises of the School of Agriculture at Olds and to speak at the annual banquet for the graduating class.

In July, 1935, and again in 1936, I was invited to represent Alberta Women's Institutes during Farm Women's Week at Olds and to give an address at the banquet on the closing day. It was a great pleasure to me to discover that about eighty per cent of the women attending the school those weeks were Institute members.

Last year I attended the Women's Institute Girls' Club Convention and spent a very happy time with our future Institute members. The girls are a fine lot, and had it been your privilege to attend their convention I am sure you would have been very proud of them. Their meetings were so well conducted and excellent discussions were held. Mrs. E. J. Bell, Girls' Club Supervisor, is to be congratulated on the excellence of her work with these girls. I fear, perhaps, the Institutes on the whole really do not realize the wonderful influence this club life has in developing the girls into young women of truly noble character.

During the last two years our "Mothers' Bundle" scheme has been very active. In all, 518 bundles were prepared and forwarded to needy expectant mothers in various parts of the province. I wish to express my whole-hearted appreciation of the splendid work done by so many Institutes in this line. Some Branches made as many as six or seven bundles.

In some instances the Institute which contacted a needy family for forwarding a bundle to the expectant mother discovered many other articles of clothing were required by other members of the family. In almost all cases where such relief was required it was supplied without delay.

During the summer of 1935 I visited 24 Constituency Conferences and 18 Institute meetings. In 1936, I attended only four Conferences, but was able to be present at 46 Institute meetings.

I have great pleasure in congratulating the officers of all these Constituencies and Institutes on the splendid character of the work being done. Particularly do I wish to mention the fine manner in which these meetings were conducted. It is an example of the training our women are receiving in the Institutes.

In June, 1936, I attended the Triennial Conference of Associated Country Women of the World in Washington, D.C. I esteemed it a very high privilege to represent you at this gathering. I appreciate that privilege more than I can ever express in words. It was such a wholesome Conference, where rural women from twenty-three different countries gathered to study their problems and discover each other's viewpoint.

In her opening address, Mrs. Alfred Watt set the tone of the whole Conference when she said, "The Country Women's movement, like a golden thread, is weaving in and out of the world's countryside, a shining and hopeful pattern of international peace and goodwill."

During the ten days we spent in Washington, in company of other country women, it is reasonable to presume that a new view of the "foreigner" was learned. I feel sure that every woman present went back to her own community with a greater feeling of friendship for peoples of other lands, and I am certain she will do her part to dispel prejudice, misunderstanding and ignorance which, after all, are breeders of hostility.

Since the Conference I have received letters from England, Ireland, Germany, India and New South Wales, asking about our work here. In each case I tried to present to the inquirer our plan of organization, the objects for which we work, and some of our achievements.

At the request of Associated Country Women of the World a brief relating to the medical and nursing services in Alberta was prepared, with the kindly assistance of Miss Brighty, Superintendent of the Nursing Division, Department of Health. This brief is to be presented at the International Congress of Agriculture, to be held at The Hague this June.

A change has been made with respect to our publicity work and instead of one Publicity Convener we have found it necessary to divide this work into several sections in order to meet the demands of the newspapers concerned. I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Council, to thank those ladies who have

given of their time and talent so unstintingly during the past two years. Preparing copy for publicity from the monthly reports is a real task, and we owe much to our faithful reporters. So to Mrs. Charity P. Norton, of Coaldale, who has reported for the Lethbridge Herald, and Mrs. M. A. Davies, Red Deer, who, each week sent our news to Calgary Albertan and Edmonton Journal, I extend sincere thanks from the Council. We would have been most pleased to invite these ladies to attend this Convention had our bank account been in better shape, and it was with real disappointment that we had to forego the pleasure of their presence here today.

Through the kindly interest of Her Excellency the Lady Tweedsmuir, a travelling library system has been available to the Institutes. In this library there are books of fiction, travel, history and biography.

At the present time parcels and boxes ranging in number from ten to fifty books are at eighty different points in the province. Already several Institutes have requested the second lot of books.

As those branches receiving books are expected to pay transportation charges an effort has been made to arrange the placing of the boxes so that an Institute need pay such charges only one way. I regret to say that some Branches have neglected to follow the rules and so have paid both incoming and outgoing charges. It was not intended that any Branch should have to do this.

We are all, I am sure, deeply grateful to Her Excellency for this very splendid gift, and I hope the coming summer and winter may see even a larger number of readers, as I believe it is Her Excellency's intention to forward several hundred more books in the very near future, at which time the library service will probably be extended to other organizations.

Through the kind introduction by Her Excellency of your President to the President of the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes in England, an exchange of correspondence has been arranged between Institutes in Alberta and Institutes in Oxfordshire. I feel that much of real value will result from this correspondence. At present eleven Alberta Institutes are participating in the plan, and it is hoped more will begin shortly.

At the request of Her Excellency an article about our work was prepared for and printed in the May issue of "Home and Country", the official organ of the National Federation of Women's Institutes in England.

In these various ways Her Excellency has endeavored to assist us in our work and to bring us into closer touch with the Motherland.

At its meeting in September last the Council asked Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Rogers to act as a committee to write the history of Alberta Women's Institutes. During the winter months these two ladies, veterans in Alberta Institute work, gathered together the fragments that go to make our history and have compiled them into a very fine piece of work, which is to be published in booklet form.

It was the earnest desire of the Council that this booklet should have been ready for distribution at this Convention, but to our regret the committee was unable to get the copy ready for the Council's approval in time to have it printed before the opening of our sessions.

To these two ladies I extend the Council's appreciation of their work and I am looking forward to the day when our Institute story may be available for Institute members.

As many of you know, the Alberta Council on Child and Family Welfare bring their year's work to a climax during Easter week, when a series of daily programs are presented, each dealing with some phase of the welfare of our children.

Your President was given the honor of taking part in these programs in 1936 and 1937, and also was a guest each year at the banquet which culminated the week's activities.

As our organization has for one of its objects the betterment of conditions for children, it is very fitting that we should have a representative on that Council, and I wish to thank Mrs. Harold W. Riley, President of Alberta Council on Child and Family Welfare, for the goodwill she has at all times extended to Alberta Women's Institutes, and it is my earnest hope that now our two organizations are working together in close harmony, they may continue to do so, that, by our united efforts, Alberta may become a better place in which for children to live.

I believe I have now covered the activities of the term fairly fully. There are many things I had hoped to accomplish which I did not succeed in accomplishing.

It has been my keen desire to have a Provincial objective set up, but so far, little has been done along this line. Of course, we have our scholarships at the Schools of Agriculture. But these are paid out of the Provincial Fund and little or no attention is given to it by the individual Institutes.

What I would like to see would be some objective toward which every branch would give its attention. I feel sure if we had such an objective our incentive to attain it would cause us to improve our work very much.

Various objectives come to mind, but I intend to mention only one or two.

Could we not set about trying to evolve a distinctive Alberta Handicraft—a style which, wherever it is seen, will be recognized as from Alberta. I think that if each Branch made use of the talented women among its membership something could soon be evolved.

Or it might be that we could prepare a household book to which each Branch could contribute recipes or household plans. It could contain ideas on gardening in Alberta, or home management. Whatever form it would take it is my idea that it should be such that every Branch, indeed every member, could contribute something.

There is a large field to be developed in drama. Alberta lags behind a bit, but if the Institutes should think well to sponsor drama activities, I know it would be a very short time until real improvement would be seen.

Of course you understand these are merely suggestions, and are offered as such. It is my desire to see Alberta Women's Institutes develop into a powerful organization which will always be a symbol of progress and goodwill.

I believe we have already accomplished much, and I hope the efforts of your Council during the term just closing meet with your approval. The members have had many anxious moments on your behalf and have tried to solve each problem as it arose in a manner best fitted to promote welfare.

Personally I have found great pleasure in my association with the work, and though it required long and frequent absences from home, still I feel repaid many times over for anything I was able to do, by the kindly words such a large number of you have been so thoughtful as to express. You have all been so generous in your words of praise of our efforts and so willing to assist in every possible way that you have eased the hard places and made the journey very smooth and full of much happiness.

It is my earnest hope that you will extend the friendly hand to my successor in office and give to her the loyalty and support you have at all times given me. I wish her every success from the bottom of my heart.

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ALBERTA WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

CASH STATEMENT

Year Ending April 30th, 1936.

Receipts		
Cash on Hand and in Banks April 30th, 1935		\$5,687.36
Dues Received	\$2,298.00	
Exchange	2.79	
Cash and Minute Books, etc.	\$ 22.75	
Handbooks and Creed Cards	4.70	
Pins	71.13	
		98.58
Advertising		193.85
Interest on Bank Account	\$ 34.40	
Interest on Investments	130.00	
		164.40
Legal Fees Refunded		64.84
Refund, Canadian Passenger Association		25.00
		<u>2,847.46</u>
		\$8,534.82
Disbursements		
Honorarium to Secretary	\$ 200.00	
Honorarium to Treasurer	100.00	
President's Expense Allowance	300.00	
Convention Expense	1,946.20	
Constituency Conferences	452.60	
Postage	227.33	
Printing and Stationery	568.43	
Travelling Expenses	132.55	
Exchange	12.33	
Refunds of Constituency Fees	21.00	
Office Sundries, Telephone, Cartage, etc.	54.14	
Safety Deposit Box	3.00	
Supplies for Loan Collection	4.19	
Federated Women's Institutes of Canada	200.00	
Federated Women's Institutes for Peace Garden	12.00	
Girls' Club	150.00	
Affiliation Fees, Country Women of the World	5.29	
Radio Expense	14.00	
Scholarship (Olds Agricultural School)	50.00	
Countess of Bessborough Fund	15.00	
		<u>4,468.06</u>
Cash on Hand		\$4,066.76
General Bank	\$2,115.80	
Less Outstanding Cheques	291.46	
		\$1,824.34
Trust Bank		\$2,242.42
		<u>\$4,066.76</u>

We have audited the books of the Alberta Women's Institutes for the year ended April 30th, 1936. Satisfactory vouchers covering all payments have been produced and all duplicate receipts have been accounted for. Bank balances have been verified and bonds produced to us were: Canadian National Railways, 5%, 1969, \$2,000.00, and Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District, 6%, 1951, \$1,000.00. Coupon for \$30.00 due May 1st is not included above.

(Signed) PATRIQUIN & JOHNSTONE,
Edmonton, Alberta, May 5th, 1936. Chartered Accountants.

ALBERTA WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

CASH STATEMENT YEAR ENDED APRIL 30th, 1937.

Receipts

Cash in Banks April 30th, 1936		\$4,066.76
Dues Received	\$3,227.50	
Exchange	4.49	
Pins	16.90	
Supplies, Books, etc.	26.00	
Sundry	6.77	
Interest on Bank Account	\$ 24.45	
Interest on Investment	130.00	
	<u>154.45</u>	
		<u>3,436.11</u>
		\$7,502.87

Disbursements

Honorarium to Secretary	\$ 200.00	
Honorarium to Treasurer	100.00	
President's Expense Allowance	300.00	
Postage	98.06	
Printing and Stationery	271.58	
Travelling Expenses	1,097.30	
Exchange	17.56	
Safety Deposit Box	3.00	
Bond Premium (Treasurer)	20.00	
Office Expenses	51.82	
League of Nations Literature	4.00	
Lady Tweedsmuir Library	39.34	
Flowers	14.16	
Alberta Federation of Women	3.00	
Scholarship (Vermilion Agricultural School)	50.00	
Canadian Passenger Association	18.75	
Girls' Club	150.00	
	<u>\$2,438.57</u>	
Cash in Bank April 30th, 1937		<u>\$5,064.30</u>
General Bank	\$2,791.59	
Deposited May 5th, 1937	84.90	
Savings Bank	2,388.81	
	<u>\$5,265.30</u>	
Deduct Outstanding Cheques	201.00	
		<u>\$5,064.30</u>

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(Signed) PATRIQUIN & JOHNSTONE,

Edmonton, Alberta, May 11th, 1937.

Chartered Accountants.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Statements taken from each Report of Auditor

May 1, 1930, to April 30, 1931—

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance from 1930	\$4,886.16	Convention, 1930	\$2,017.00
Dues	3,502.88	General	4,340.71
Advt. Con. Reports	140.00		
Bank Interest	73.97		
Miscellaneous	103.90		
	<u>\$8,706.91</u>		<u>\$6,357.71</u>

May 1, 1931, to April 30, 1932—

Balance from 1931	\$2,349.20	Convention, 1931	\$1,825.95
Dues	3,370.75	General	3,199.76
Special Donations	452.30		
Advt. Con. Reports	175.00		
Miscellaneous	89.52		
	<u>\$6,436.77</u>		<u>\$5,025.81</u>

May 1, 1932, to April 30, 1933—

Balance from 1932	\$1,410.96	No Convention 1932	
Taken from Trust	1,500.00	General	\$2,473.55
Dues	2,721.57		
Special Donations	93.57		
Advt. Con. Report	184.50		
Miscellaneous	83.58		
	<u>\$5,994.18</u>		<u>\$2,473.55</u>

May 1, 1933, to April 30, 1934—

Balance from 1933	\$3,520.63	Convention, 1933	\$1,700.58
Dues	3,662.90	General	2,578.03
Advt. Con. Report	135.00		
Miscellaneous	109.75		
	<u>\$7,428.28</u>		<u>\$4,278.61</u>

May 1, 1934, to April 30, 1935—

Balance from 1934	\$3,149.67	No Convention 1934	
Transfer from Trust	500.00	General	\$2,766.85
Dues	3,233.60	Plus extra expense re Default:	
Miscellaneous	48.38	Auditor's Fee	\$308.34
		Counsel Fee	60.80
		*Amount Not	
		Collected	138.59
			<u>507.73</u>
	<u>\$6,931.65</u>		<u>\$3,274.58</u>

*Note: The sum of \$64.84 has since been received.

May 1, 1935, to April 30, 1936—

Balance from 1935	\$3,657.07	Convention, 1935	\$1,946.20
Dues	2,298.00	General	2,521.86
Advt. Con. Report	193.85		
Miscellaneous	143.48		
			<u>\$4,468.06</u>

May 1, 1936, to April 30, 1937—

Balance from 1936	\$1,824.34	No Convention 1936	
Dues	3,227.50	General	\$2,438.57
Miscellaneous	62.22		
	<u>\$5,114.06</u>		<u>\$2,438.57</u>

MRS. H. J. MONTGOMERY, Treasurer of A.W.I.,
Wetaskiwin.

REPORT OF DISTRICT No. 1

Mrs. M. R. Upton, Berwyn - Director

I take pleasure in submitting my report of the work carried on by the Women's Institutes in District No. 1 for the past two years.

This District embraces what is generally called the Peace River Country. There are three Constituencies here, with twenty-one Branches, representing some three hundred and fifty women, who have raised approximately \$4,000.00.

Since the last Convention three of our Branches have become inactive, but one new Branch has been formed and the membership throughout the District has been maintained. Interest in the work for Home and Country is keen.

During the past two years Conferences were held in each Constituency at which a handicraft exhibition was sponsored. This seemed to create a fresh interest, and certainly increased the attendance at all Conferences.

A successful District Conference was my objective for the north, but owing to the difficulties of transportation and the great distances to be traversed, it was decided by the Constituencies that such a Conference would be more or less local, representing largely the Constituency in which it was held. However, I do feel the need for something of the kind in the north to link the Branches together more closely. I hope it may be accomplished in the near future, should travelling conditions improve.

Since last Convention I have endeavored to interest the Conferences in forming Girls' Clubs. I find in most communities a number of young people's organizations of one kind and another, so that it was not felt there was a very great need for such clubs.

Peace River Constituency—Mrs. D. Younger, Convener. Has eight Branches: Hinterland Fairview, Whitelaw, Griffin Creek, Berwyn, Grimshaw, Whitemud and Peace River.

The activities of these Institutes have been varied, embracing the social, educational and welfare branches of Women's Institute work. Excellent papers have been given by the members, while some outside speakers have also contributed to the many splendid programs. The material contained in the Provincial paper, "Home and Country", has been utilized, while the Home Nursing Course was quite helpful. Berwyn had the local nurses pass this course on to a group of high school girls.

The roll calls were both instructive and amusing. Some of these were short cuts in housekeeping, school lunches, serving hints, canning meats, home-made yeast, pickle recipes, favorite recipes, and many other hints on household economics; descriptions of Canadian scenery, unfulfilled ambitions, Christmas and Easter ideas, New Year's resolutions, Irish jokes, and garden hints.

Peace River, Berwyn and Grimshaw report having awarded prizes for general proficiency in Grade VIII. Musical festivals were assisted and contributions were made last year to the Cancer Fund. Whitelaw has provided a complete bed outfit in a local house as the beginning of a nursing home. Now they are working for a resident doctor as their objective this year.

During the past year fire destroyed the Institute hospital at Berwyn, but from the ashes there has arisen a beautiful modern building. Great credit is due the small group of women who foresaw the needs of the district and laid the foundation for the present building.

Interest in the care and improvement of the local cemetery has been undertaken by some Branches.

Funds were raised by talent money, raffles, plays, teas and card parties.

Grimshaw clothed a deaf and dumb child and sent her to the school at Winnipeg.

Fairview have assisted in equipping the children's playground, as well as carrying on the main work of operating a hospital.

A very fine spirit is being shown in the work being carried on by the Hinterland Branch at Hines Creek. Reports tell of members having driven over bad roads and in rough weather to attend meetings. These outlying districts present the problem of many needy expectant mothers, and Hines Creek acknowledges with thanks and appreciation the many layettes sent them from other Branches.

Some of the demonstrations include making angel cake, crepe paper hats, knitting, relief modelling, making flower novelties from tin cans and crepe paper.

Grouard Constituency—Mrs. H. L. Saucke, Convener. Has five Branches: High Prairie, Kinuso, Enilda, Big Meadows, McLennan. These Branches are very active in sponsoring clinics, visiting the sick, caring for the needy, and play a great part in community life. High Prairie assisted the Board of Trade in building sidewalks in the village, and provided equipment for playgrounds at school. Kinuso provided layettes for needy mothers, paid for organ and repairs to hall. Enilda held plays, dances, bazaars to raise funds for hall and Christmas tree to children. Big Meadows also held plays, dances, bazaars. McLennan raised over \$500.00 for large community hall and a new gate for the cemetery.

Grande Prairie Constituency, with Mrs. A. D. Wishart, Convener, has eight Branches: Sexsmith, Grande Prairie, Beaver Lodge, Millarston, Rio Grande, Lymburn, Goodfare and Busy Bees.

Sexsmith's outstanding work is the support of a four-bed maternity hospital, but they have been active in other lines, contributing equipment for gymnasium, books for school, medals for musical festival, and helped with the upkeep of the cemetery.

Grande Prairie maintains a two-bed waiting room with kitchen facilities for use of expectant mothers coming in to the hospital; sponsored a baby clinic; packed Christmas hampers; contributed milk for undernourished school children, and sponsored an art lecture and one on landscape gardening.

At Beaverlodge a real need is felt for a small local hospital, and efforts are being centred on this project for the year. They do relief work, provide school books and take an active part in the community life.

Millarston, a country Branch, is very active. They conduct a school fair, supplying the seeds and prizes. They also provide a hot lunch for the school children during the winter.

Rio Grande, Lymburn, Goodfare, and the Busy Bees of Valhalla, all country Branches, report great activity in supporting community halls, which are so necessary in rural districts. They all are interested in the welfare of the school children and assist in sickness and do much real welfare work.

It is with deep regret that I report the deaths of three outstanding Institute women in District No. 1. Mrs. Margaret Boyd, a former District Director and valued member of the Fairview Branch; Mrs. L. H. Shearer, founder and President of the Hinterland Branch, and Mrs. Clubine, of Grande Prairie. These three pioneer women of sterling worth and outstanding qualities of leadership have carried on in the face of unusual difficulties, contributing in a large measure to the work of the Institute, leaving a lasting impression on the different communities which they helped to establish and in which they lived. We pay tribute to the memory of these fine women.

In bringing my report to a close, which also terminates my office as Director, may I add a word of appreciation to the Constituency Conveners, Secretaries and Institute members throughout the whole Peace River country for their helpful cooperation, for the many kindnesses shown me in the District, the hearty welcome accorded me, and other courtesies extended to me, I am very grateful. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a fine band of women, and I shall cherish the friendships formed during these years.

REPORT OF DISTRICT No. 2

Mrs. W. A. Brown, Paradise Valley - Director

It is with pleasure, not unmixed with regret, that I present this, my second and final report as Director of District No. 2.

A review of the general work of the District for the two years shows a fine spirit of co-operation and organization, and keen activity in both Constituency and Branch.

The subject matter of the Standing Committees has been the foundation of splendidly arranged yearly programs. These programs forming one of the best means of adult education it is possible for rural women to have.

Also these programs have been a means of developing "personality" as well as knowledge.

It is by "doing" that one grows to greater heights, and the members of District No. 2 have excelled in "doing" unnumbered good and kindly acts for their communities.

Marked efficiency has been shown by the Constituency Conveners in their respective Constituencies.

They have visited their Branches, supervising W.I. routine, giving inspiration and added zeal to all.

They have conducted the Constituency Conferences with ability showing thorough knowledge of their work. To them sincere thanks are due. They are the women who have made District 2 a District of which to be proud.

This District has nine Constituencies, with 50 Branches and approximately 850 members.

Since the 1935 Convention two old-established Branches have disbanded—Mountain Park (too isolated, and a closed camp where there could be no community activity), and Daysland, which Branch has lost seven good working members.

Much regret has been expressed at this loss to our organization, but there is still hope that Daysland will reorganize.

To offset this, four new Branches have been organized since the 1935 Convention—Alida and Primrose in the Alexandra, Vermilion and N. Vegreville Constituency; Echo Hill in Mid-Pembina, and Albert in Wainwright Constituency.

Two branches, Kinsella and Viking, have been transferred from District 3 to District 2, Wainwright Constituency.

Approximately \$12,000.00 has been raised by the branches in the two years, carrying over a balance at the end of 1936 of approximately \$1,700.00.

Following is a summary of the Constituencies:

1. **Alexandra, Vermilion and N. Vegreville.** Mrs. W. S. Murray, Paradise Valley,, Convener. Eleven Branches: Vegreville, Alida, Primrose, Minburn, Creighton, Birch Creek, Happy Centre, Kitscoty, Marwayne, Paradise Valley. This is a splendidly organized Constituency with Branches widely separated (125 miles apart), but holding outstanding Constituency Conferences at the School of Agriculture, Vermilion, as a central point. Of special interest at the 1936 Conference was the attendance of Mrs. Graham, the first woman to bring the Institute work west of the Great Lakes. In a short address she told the story of the organization of the W.I. at Lea Park in 1909 and the first W.I. picnic, attended by about five hundred people.

2. **Camrose Constituency**, Mrs. A. E. Oatway, Donalda, Convener. Four Branches: Bashaw, Donalda, Ohaton and Round Hill. Reports show a first class efficiency in the working of this Constituency. Handicrafts hold a foremost place in the Branch activities, three Branches supervising handicraft classes for 'teen age girls. The Constituency Conferences always feature a beautiful handicraft exhibit. A high educational standard has been reached in the material used for the yearly program.

3. **Edson Constituency**, Mrs. H. D. Finley, Jasper, Convener. Has three active Branches: Jasper, Edson and Mahaska. Mountain Park disbanded at the close of 1936. Another widely separated District, yet each Branch doing splendid work. Jasper is noted for three A.W.I. Girls' Clubs, and Mahaska sponsored a dental clinic which cared for 119 patients.

4. **Edmonton, Victoria and Sturgeon Constituency**, Mrs. F. W. Griswold, Westlock, Convener. Seven Branches: Boyle, Bon Accord, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Pine Creek, Thorhild and Warspite. These Branches are situated on three different railway lines. This Constituency also featured a varied exhibit of beautiful handwork at the Conference in Thorhild in 1936. Of special interest to the rural women is the rest room operated by the Edmonton W.I. at the exhibition grounds during fair week.

5. **Leduc Constituency**, Mrs. W. Perley, Calmar, Convener. Four Branches: Genesee, Weisenford, Ranier and Conjuring Creek. This is a 100% rural Constituency and forms a truly domesticated and very practical group. They have excelled in demonstrations by their own members in canning, sewing, handicrafts and interior decorating.

6. **Mid-Pembina Constituency**, Mrs. Harry Smith, Busby, Convener. Five Branches: Busby, Echo Hill, Independence, Picardville and Westlock. A real live Constituency, holding one of the best attended Conferences in the District. and the first Constituency to feature a handicraft exhibit.

7. **Stony Plain Constituency**, Mrs. A. H. Lord, Winterburn, Convener. Six Branches: Duffield, Onoway, Stony Plain, Tomahawk, Wabamun, Winterburn. A well-organized, efficient Constituency. In this Constituency two Branches own libraries consisting of nearly five hundred books.

8. **Wainwright Constituency**, Mrs. R. C. McFarland, Irma, Convener. Four branches: Albert, Irma, Rose Willow and Wainwright. By resolutions, accepted by the Provincial Council, three Branches on the same railway line, Kinsella, Bruce and Viking, are being transferred from District No. 3 to this Constituency in District No. 2.

9. **St. Paul Constituency**, Mrs. M. J. Hutter, Elk Point, Convener. Three Branches: Beaver River, Flat Lake and Uneeda (Elk Point P.O.) This is the New Constituency, formed last year, and consists of Branches, active for many years, but so situated that they were unable to participate in the Constituency Conferences, or receive visits from Provincial officers, thus not feeling an integral part of the Provincial organization.

The most popular Standing Committees seem to be Handicrafts, Child Welfare and Public Health, and Education and Better Schools. I am endeavoring not to infringe on the reports of any of the Provincial Conveners, but I must mention the large amount of relief work done by all the Branches. Food, clothing, medical attention, including dental, eye, tonsil and adenoids, medicine, etc., milk, meat, fish, vegetables, flour and fruits, quilts, bedding and often the bare necessities of life have been provided in urgent cases.

Numerous baby garments and mothers' bundles have been prepared, one Branch making up two bolts of flannelette. I have reports of over sixty layettes and maternity bundles throughout the district, and I know that does not cover all.

School musical and dramatic festivals, school fairs, Christmas treats and agricultural fairs have been helped by work and prizes.

Through all the work of the Branches runs the true spirit of the W.I.—energy, courage and enterprise are shown in all their endeavors.

Money has been raised by the usual methods—card parties, dances, teas, lunches and suppers, raffles of quilts, handwork, Christmas cakes, rummage sales, plays (a ladies' minstrel show), bazaars, talent money, sale of Christmas cards, and at the regular meetings, white elephants, grab bags, surprise packets, draws, mystery parcels, etc., etc.

Worthy of special mention are the beautiful musical and elocution programs provided for the entertainment of delegates at the Constituency Conferences and the District Conference.

A golden wedding tableau in honor of a valued W.I. member, Mrs. Scott, of Bashaw, was enacted at Bashaw Conference by her three great grandchildren, Lynn, Douglas and Billie, ages 2½, 3 and 4 years. It was beautiful.

Two Branches, Thorhild and Paradise Valley, are corresponding with English Institutes.

An enthusiastic two-day District Conference was held in April, 1936, the only criticism of which, was, that it was too short.

For the first time the Girls' Clubs of District No. 2 joined with the Institutes, holding one separate session under their Director, Miss Kay Fulcher, and later taking part in the joint Conference.

Outstanding speakers were: Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, Provincial President; Mr. G. F. McNally, Deputy Minister of Education; Mr. Macalister, of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and Dr. Scharff, of the Alberta Dental Health Council.

A special feature of the evening session, a futurist play, "Sugar," period 2000 A.D., under the direction of Mrs. Macgregor Smith, was a huge success.

The closing event was the luncheon in the Palm Room of the Hudson's Bay Store, with Mrs. A. H. Rogers as guest speaker.

Later, Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, in a beautifully worded address, gave honor to Mrs. Rogers, presenting her with a special Institute pin awarded by the Federated Women's Institute of Canada, and emblematic of her life membership in the F.W.I.C.

It was an impressive ceremony and District No. 2 is proud to have Mrs. Rogers as one of its members, the second to receive this distinction.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks for the splendid spirit of co-operation you have shown throughout my term of office, and for the friendship, loyalty and hospitality received as your Director.

It is with a deep feeling of trust in you that I pass over the care of District No. 2 to my successor, hoping she will find as much joy in her contacts with you as I have done.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts		Expenditure	
Balance, May, 1935	\$22.99	District Conference, 1936	\$47.14
Dues Collected, May, 1935,		Balance on Hand	\$36.63
to April, 1937	60.00		
Bank Interest	.78		
Total	\$83.77	Total	\$83.77

REPORT OF DISTRICT No. 3

Mrs. O. G. Sibbald, Munson, Director.



It is with pleasure I report for your approval the activities of District No. 3 with 15 Constituencies (90 Branches) all doing splendid work.

Practically all Branches are carrying on the work of Standing Committees, also doing a great amount of relief work. Successful Conferences have been held in all Constituencies, a pleasure to all attending, with splendid handicraft exhibits at nearly every Conference. Hard times and depression are still with us, and many are in great need in parts of this district, but the work of the W.I. goes on.

Acadia East—Mrs. D. H. Wheaton, Convener, reports six Branches, with a membership of 100, raising \$1,519.12 since last Convention, and of this amount over one thousand dollars was raised by the women of Acadia Valley. A large amount has been expended for relief and hospital upkeep, one Branch supplied a sterilizer for Alsask hospital, furnished a radio for a sick lady, besides donating fruit and flowers to the sick, Christmas cheer and mothers' bundles. At the Constituency Conference those attending enjoyed the music supplied by the girls' orchestra organized by a member of the W.I., while another Branch sponsored a musical festival between the different schools of the district. Much relief work is being done, as for many years crops have been a failure in this part of the Province.

Acadia West—Mrs. W. Wilson reports three Branches in her Constituency and all doing splendid work in spite of lack of funds. Through the efforts of Youngstown members the Town and Municipal Council have arranged to have a nurse visit the district every week. Chinook sponsored a clinic, when doctor, nurse, dentist and eye specialist examined over one hundred children, and many needing glasses benefitted by the reduced prices given. One of the Branches entertained their husbands to a "Made in Alberta Dinner", finishing off with a program on "Legislation." This Constituency raised nearly \$700.00.

Coronation—Mrs. J. Monagle has nine Branches, with a membership of 108, three Branches having organized in 1937, Ione, Broadview and Neutral Valley. Several Branches are hoping to send articles of handicraft to the Convention, while four mothers' bundles have been prepared. Nothing spectacular has been accomplished, but all Branches are endeavoring to carry on in spite of conditions.

Didsbury West—Mrs. N. Eckel reports seven Branches with 148 members, one Branch, Big Prairie, being organized in November last year with 16 members. Over \$1,600.00 has been raised since last Convention, much of this being expended for health, education and community improvements, but the Provincial and Constituency dues have not been forgotten. Several representatives were sent to Olds for Farm Week.

Drumheller-Hand Hills—Mrs. J. L. Newman has seven Branches with 196 members. Drumheller women are continuing their splendid work with the undernourished school children, supplying milk every day during the winter months, besides a great deal of welfare work. They annually sponsor a show at the local theatre; also have a tag day to aid the Milk Fund. Verdant Valley are celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary this month and sponsor a Thanksgiving supper and dance to pay their Provincial dues. Munson will also be 25 years old in November and they are arranging a school fair as part of their endeavors this year, and hope to make it an annual affair. Other Branches in the Valley are doing a great deal of relief work in the communities. This Constituency donated to the Memorial Hall Fund at Stony Creek, Ontario, where the Women's Institute was founded forty years ago. Handicrafts of all kinds were exhibited at the Conference.

Lacombe-Ponoka—Mrs. A. A. Davis, Convener, reports seven Branches with 146 members, three Branches having disbanded. Lacombe is entering on its twenty-tieth year of Institute work. All Branches are busy assisting with relief, hospital, educational and community work. Birch Lake is a new Branch with ten members. Prospects of reorganization of disbanded Branches may be possible in the near future. All Branches are doing splendid work and raised nearly \$1,800.00 since last report.

Olds East—See report of Red Deer-Innisfail.

Olds West—Mrs. W. J. Morris, Convener, reports nine Branches, all very active in their own communities and doing good work along relief, good cheer, good fellowship lines. One Branch Secretary thought the outstanding thing in her Institute was "they had stuck together." Another had a wonderful flower show and gave rose bushes and tulip bulbs as prizes. Much sickness and blocked roads have prevented regular meetings at some points, but all are carrying on with a right good-will.

"Glamis" W.I. was organized on May 14th, 1937; also a Girls' Club at Cottonwood was recently organized.

Ribstone—Mrs. R. P. Biggs, Convener, reports four active Branches with 48 members, also one Branch inactive. They have raised nearly \$500.00. One Branch provided four layettes, another supplied glasses for a needy case, while another presented albums to successful Grade VIII pupils.

Sedgewick—Mrs. W. J. Haynes, Convener, with eight Branches and 176 members, are also doing a great deal of community work. One Branch is supervising the care of a needy family, where the mother is very sick, and have had her placed in an institution, and supplied a new home, equipment and clothing for the family. They sponsor a musical festival, also picture show, concert and dance to assist in the raising of funds. The main feature of the community work is the beautification of cemeteries. Kinsella and Viking are being transferred to the Wainwright Constituency on account of road conditions.

Stettler—Mrs. W. M. McDonald, Convener. Has five Branches with 89 members, and reports the Kanata Branch was reorganizing. All are actively engaged in educational and community work. Stettler is still paying a caretaker to keep their cemetery beautiful, while Botha co-operates with the Village Council in the upkeep of theirs.

Red Deer East—Mrs. J. H. Brown, of Delburne, Convener. With five Branches and a membership of 90, they have raised \$1,125.67 during the last two years. They also are doing a great deal of relief work, providing 13 mothers' bundles and have given fruit or flowers to any who are ill, not necessarily W.I. members. Torrington Branch was organized in 1936 and held a fowl supper and bazaar which netted them \$169.80, which gave them a splendid start. They supply cocoa and sugar to the children in the school districts in the cold weather. Olds East, consisting of only one Branch, was reported to have transferred to the Red Deer East Constituency by Mrs. W. C. Malcolm, Convener.

Red Deer Centre—Mrs. J. W. Lawrence, Convener. With seven Branches and 104 members, they have a decrease in membership but a decided increase in receipts, \$1,533.30 has been raised since last Convention, as against \$973.93 on last report. One Branch reports a successful "Clipper Club", each member bringing a clipping of any kind that appeals to her, reads it at the meeting, all members taking part in discussion that follows. They change their officers annually, so all share the responsibilities. Penhold, the smallest Branch in members, accomplished the most financially. Possibly the most important thing done was the sending of a crippled boy to the Red Cross Hospital and paying the special charges in connection with the case. All Branches are working for the schools and the community. Liberal donations of cash, food and clothing have been given to those in need. One new Branch has been organized, Poplar Ridge, and one disbanded since last Convention.

Red Deer West—Mrs. C. W. Lynn, Convener, reports eight Branches very much alive, two disbanded since last Convention but reorganized again, but at the present time Bingley has once more disbanded. Members of one Branch took turns in caring for a family for about six weeks when the mother was in the hospital—surely a commendable spirit. Another Branch sponsored a successful carnival for the children, while all have done large amounts of relief work, the Constituency raising over \$2,000.00 in two years.

Wetaskiwin—Mrs. M. Grant, Convener. Has four Branches and they specialize in handicraft; they had a wonderful display at the last Constituency Conference, with canning added to the contest. They also exhibited at the Provincial Convention, and several articles were worthy of special mention by Mrs. Macgregor Smith. One Branch has introduced the co-operative spirit and purchased a carding machine for the use of members. Another donated plates to new babies (16 during the year). Wetaskiwin gave a special prize to one of their members who had not missed a meeting for eight years. Eight mothers' bundles have been sent out by this Constituency.

I appreciate the kindness of those who assisted in making my work such a pleasure. I have enjoyed working with you very much, and trust the same kindness and co-operation will be given my successor.

Best wishes for success to the new Branches, and good luck to all working for "Home and Country."

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REPORT OF DISTRICT No. 4

Mrs. M. L. Thompson, Coaldale, Director.

The story of Institute work in District No. 4 the past two years is one of progress in every way. A few Branches have disbanded, but new ones have taken their place.

There are ten Constituencies, with sixty-six Branches, an increase of one Branch, and a total membership of 1,271, which is 156 more than two years ago, while the Girls' Clubs number 28, an increase of five Clubs.

Receipts, as well, show a substantial increase, and total approximately \$22,000.00 for the two-year period.

The Constituency Conferences have been well attended and the programs most interesting.

Calgary-Okotoks—Mrs. N. W. Peglar, Millarville, Convener, reports 11 Branches, 269 members, and \$3,338.14 raised the past year. Mrs. Patterson, President of the New Zealand Women's Institutes, and Miss Franks, Honorary Secretary of the Irish Groups, were both distinguished guests and speakers in this Constituency.

The activities include a large amount of relief work, swimming pool, library, cash donations to Travellers' Aid, Salvation Army, Radium Fund, School Fairs, Elks' Sunshine Fund, Tuberculosis Society, and the Wood's Christian Home. One Institute holds monthly baby clinics. Layettes and hampers have been given.

Little Bow—Mrs. J. A. MacQuarrie, Barons, Convener, reports 11 Branches, with membership of 166, and \$760.45 raised the past year. A handicraft exhibit was held at their Conference last summer. Their activities included entertaining school teachers, visits between neighboring Branches, donations to local hospitals, radium fund, rest room, treats for school children, community relief work, and co-operation with the Girls' Clubs.

Macleod-Claresholm—Mrs. E. Greenwood, Macleod, Convener, has two Branches, 50 members, and receipts for the year are \$234.25. Their activities include support for the local hospital, donations of food and clothing for needy, radium fund, first aid equipment for school. They entertain the local teacher in their homes, exchange patterns and garden seeds and hold monthly socials.

Pincher Creek-Rocky Mountain—Mrs. E. Lynch-Staunton, Convener, reports three Branches, 41 members, and receipts for the year \$364.94. They have donated to the radium fund, fruit and flowers to the sick, milk for school children, and other activities include caring for the forest fire refugees last summer, layettes given, May Day celebration, bazaar, and social evenings held.

Warner—Mrs. A. G. Gusseck, Warner, Convener, reports eight Branches, 140 members, \$1,007.26 raised this year. Donations have been given to the radium fund, school for text books, school fair, groceries and coal for needy families, layettes, shrubs and plants for beautifying cemetery, Geographic magazine, and first aid kits for schools. They have entertained school teachers, grandmothers, and girls of their communities; served dinner at local music festivals, and held demonstrations, fashion shows, etc. An outstanding feature of their Constituency Conference is the Annual Fair and Flower Show.

Taber—Mrs. H. G. Ridley, Taber, Convener, reports 15 Branches, 275 members, and \$2,600 raised this year. Their activities include a Junior Red Cross Day, donations to Radium Fund, Calgary Hospital, Nursing Mission, Salvation Army, for text books, layettes, and hampers. Other activities are, beautifying local cemetery, graduation exercises for Grade VIII pupils, Southern Alberta Industries day. Two Institutes helped an Art School pupil financially.

Medicine Hat—Mrs. Ed. Gosselin, Winnifred, reports four Branches, 85 members, and receipts for the year \$532.00. They have assisted the local school and needy families, purchased a boot for a crippled boy, while donations have been made to the radium fund and community work of different kinds. One Branch has a hobby of making toys and selling them.

Redcliff—Mrs. Bruce Silverthorne, Bindloss, Convener, reports two Branches, 30 members, and have raised over \$200.00. They held a very interesting Conference in the Social Plains school last summer, where many fine papers were given. Their activities include, co-operating with their Girls' Club, donations to the Empress Hospital and the Radium Fund. Despite complete crop failures the last several years, these wonderful women are able to give cheer and inspiration to each other, and their Institute means a great deal to them.

Bow Valley—Mrs. M. Muir, Chancellor, Convener. Has three Branches with membership of 44, and receipts for the year are \$307.74. Donations were made to the Not-forgotten Fund, Radium Fund, swimming pool, skating rink, school prizes, Fruit and Flower Fund, Wood's Christian Home. A handicraft exhibit was held in connection with a well attended Conference held in Bassano last summer.

Gleichen—Mrs. Duncan Clark, Cluny, Convener, reports seven Branches with 127 members, and \$862.64 raised during the year. Their Conference includes a handicraft exhibit. A great deal of relief work has been done, one Branch paying for a nurse for a needy case, treats for school children, and prizes for good work done. Demonstrations and Remembrance Day programs have been held, neighbor Institutes entertained each other, and donations to radium fund given.

The past two annual District Conferences were held at Lethbridge, with good attendance. One session each year has been broadcast for the benefit of our members who are unable to attend. Mrs. J. A. MacQuarrie, of Barons, was elected Director.

Our District project is sponsoring the raising of a \$5,000.00 fund to purchase radium for the free use of all persons in Southern Alberta needing it. The Southern Alberta Radium Association has been organized and incorporated under the Benevolent Societies Act of the province. Time and space do not permit any details, but at present there is \$1,587.00, and drives are starting in Lethbridge and neighboring towns.

Thirteen half-hour broadcasts have been given over CJOC, known as "Home and Country" programs. In this way, and through the press, especially through the generous amount of space given Mrs. Norton, Publicity Secretary for the Lethbridge Herald (averaging nearly two columns every week), the Institute work in District No. 4 has received splendid publicity, which is of inestimable value to our organization. It pays to advertise, you know.

As my term draws to a close I am well pleased with the progress made in District No. 4, and urge still greater efforts in the years ahead. The human element keeps the work from ever becoming monotonous, though the summer driving is physically tiring. The past two years have not been good on the farms, from a financial standpoint, but most Branches have been able to pay their dues, which, after all, is the first obligation. True happiness comes from service to others, and our movement offers us many opportunities. It is a question of sinking our right, our individualism, and giving from each according to her ability, to each according to their necessity.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all, and particularly those closely concerned in District No. 4, for the splendid co-operation you have given me during the past four years. You have done all you could to lessen the anxieties and responsibilities of my office, and I am sure that the years ahead can prove years of great development, provided that we, ourselves, show wisdom, courage and strength of purpose necessary to go forward.

The Radium Fund is undoubtedly our greatest achievement, and another achievement which must not be overlooked is the linking up with overseas Institutes and visits from overseas members. Then there is the revelation of hidden talent amongst Women's Institute members. Some are literary, and others sing and play—think of those shy women, who when they first came to Institute meetings were too nervous to answer the roll call and who now speak fluently, some of them almost eloquently, on varied subjects and debates. Others reveal artistry in floral and needle work and other handicrafts. They put their fingers on the weak spots of an argument and they take a lively interest in the welfare of their country, waking up to a knowledge of the immense power of women united.

In conclusion, I should like to repeat a little poem printed in the year book of Alaska Women's Clubs:

INTO THE LIGHT

What is the sound of marching feet?
What is the song the wind is bringing?
'Tis women singing, marching down the years,
And this is the song they are singing:
"We've suffered the heat of the battle,
And love has lightened the burden,
We have tended the hearth-fires well;
Into the light we are marching on,
Breaking the way for those who follow."
Women marching, singing through their tears.
"And if there's a path we will take it,
And if there's no path we will make it."
The world's work is women's work,
And home is all the world.

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REPORT OF THE ALBERTA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GIRLS' CLUB

Mrs. E. J. Bell, Hussar, Supervisor, from May 23rd, 1935, to May 18th, 1937.

Soon after the W.I. Convention in Edmonton came the W.I.G.C's Convention in Olds, the fifteenth annual, with Mrs. R. E. Wood, retiring Supervisor, in charge, and myself in attendance to "get onto the ropes." It was a very interesting and instructive gathering. I was especially struck with the competent manner in which the girls and their officers carried on all business, and the beautiful co-operation between them and their Supervisor, Mrs. Wood. Everything was managed so beautifully that there were no signs of their being managed at all. I am sure that the greatest credit is due to Mrs. Wood for the thriving condition in which I found the Girls' Clubs, and that the girls themselves are most fortunate in their careful selection of officers, as both at that time, and since, the officers have done their parts with the greatest of enthusiasm and wisdom. I was pleased to note also that there were several Supervisors present at this Convention—Mrs. Kjorsvik, of Eagle Hill; Mrs. Thompson, Coaldale; Mrs. Brunsdale, Manyberries; Mrs. Urquhart, Balmoral; Mrs. Wirt, Standard, and Mrs. Johnson, Endiang—as well as a good attendance of girls, with many clubs camping on the grounds.

The program was splendid: demonstrations, Table Setting and Table Decoration by Miss C. McIntyre; Crepe Paper Articles, Jane Popham; Eggshell Finishings, Jean Moore, and Textiles, Miss Switzer. There was physical training on the campus each morning, community singing, reports from each District, showing how great is the activity of each Club. Mr. Kemp addressed the girls on "Fruits We All Can Grow." There was an illustrated lecture on "Canadian Arts and Artists", by Frank H. Norbury; an address by Mrs. Wood on "Club Financing", and Miss McIntyre spoke on "Why People Act That Way."

Every year there is a short story contest, original stories on any theme located in Canada. Lois Cassidy, of Coaldale, won in 1935, with Muriel Lee, second; and in 1936, Heather Allen was first and Lois Cassidy, second. And while on this topic, I want to urge you mothers to encourage your young daughters, eighteen or under, to take part in this contest, with a view to encouraging literary talent among our Club members. The "Mrs. J. A. Rodell Cup" is the award for this, with the winners name engraved upon it, and if won three times in succession it becomes the property of the winner. The sports contest was won by Pearl McBride, and again in 1936, so she won the Emily Murphy Cup outright, as she had won in 1934 also. The public speaking contest was very good. Agnes McKerrow won in 1935 with the topic, "Vocational Schools," with Mae Haws, second. Anola Thompson was first in 1936, with "A Prominent Canadian Woman, Nellie McClung," as her subject. Agnes McKerrow was second with the topic, "The Value and Use of Free Radium to Those Suffering From Cancer." The masquerade is a yearly feature, and we have a grand time. In 1935, Florence Current won the prize for the prettiest (Scotch Lassie); Hazel Haslett won the comic, and Anola Thompson, the original. Last year, Avis Eaton was awarded the prize for the most beautiful dress; Jean Moore, the most original; Muriel Lee, the comic, and Marjorie Burdett, the best character costume.

Mr. Fisher was a great help in both Conventions, as he took charge of the sports day, the treasure hunt, and gave a most interesting address on "Macbeth", in 1935, and on "Klondike Experiences", last year. Last year we had an amateur contest before the masquerade, and Agnes McKerrow won first place with a solo, and Elva Easterbrook, second, with a vocal solo. At the 16th Annual Convention greetings were brought from the following Supervisors: Mrs. Wirt, Mrs. Strangberg, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Slinn.

Our demonstrations varied. Miss C. McIntyre gave one on "The Magic That Comes From Bottles and Jars"; Miss Switzer on "Practical Points in Dress-making"; Florence Current on "Beautifying Vases With Salt and Flour and Crepe Paper Paste", and Jane Popham on "Making Cellophane Flowers." We have most interesting demonstrations planned for the Convention in Olds on July 13th to 16th.

Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, our W.I. President, has been with us both years with a splendid address, and we hope to have her again this year, and also to hear from her daughter Margaret, who will have just returned from the Coronation.

Last year the music was under the supervision of Agnes McKerrow, with Anola Thompson at the piano, and we had many new and interesting songs, with the girls entering into the spirit of the singing splendidly, as they did the year before, when Mrs. Thompson took charge of it. Miss Pepper, of the Department of Agriculture, of Ottawa, gave a splendid address on "Girls' Work in Other Provinces", and expressed the wish that the W.I.G.C.'s would spread to other provinces, as we are so well organized.

Miss Brighty, of the Department of Health, gave a good talk on "Personal Hygiene", stressing self-knowledge, self-reverence, and self-control. Miss McIntyre spoke on "Personal Relationships." Mrs. Elizabeth Sterling Haynes gave a helpful and instructive lecture on "The Theatre," and we expect to have her with us again on July 15th.

Every year we have a handicraft exhibit. In 1935 the list of winners is too long to give, but will be found in the magazine. Last year the art and novelty exhibit was won by Jane Popham; quilt, Calgary Girls' Club; wool work, Gertrude Ridgeway.

The banquet and show make another yearly feature. Last year we saw "Anne of Green Gables."

There have been two good Conferences in Lethbridge in conjunction with the District W.I. Conference, under the District Director, Florence Current. The girls have their own programs, and this year it was exceptionally good. I want you to see it. They had a demonstration on "Applying Makeup", by Miss Robson, of Lethbridge, and many of the ladies joined us for that. Fifty-seven were present, and many contributed to the morning's program with jokes and music. The speakers last year were Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Campbell, while this year they were Mrs. D. Clark and Mrs. Grevett.

The Clubs of Districts No. 1 and No. 2 met with the W.I. Conference in Edmonton in April, 1936. Seven Clubs were represented, convened by Kay Fulcher, Director. In addition to the reports, etc., there were talks from Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Fulcher. They joined the W.I. for the afternoon session and were present for the show and lunch.

There are 54 Clubs, 44 of which are reporting regularly. Three of these are Junior Clubs. There are three Clubs, the Diamonettes, Diamond City; Warner Golden Grain, New Dayton, and we hope one is forming at Innisfail. The average membership is ten.

We give a prize to the Secretary who does her work best, and last year it went to a new Club, Gladys Sorgard, Turin Toilers.

You may think my report rather long, but there is so much to say, and the work is so interesting and so important, that I feel we should give considerable thought to it, especially for the sake of the future of the W.I. I have attended meetings of the Girls' Clubs where their papers, programs and demonstrations would put to shame many a W.I. meeting I have attended. These young women thus trained will make the very best members of the W.I., I am sure.

One thing we need, and need badly, is more Supervisors, who can forget themselves in the work they are called upon to do, and can think wisely and be sympathetic with youth and its needs. Such Supervisors will get their award in the joy they get out of being allowed to attend the girls' meetings in an advisory capacity. Believe me, it is an uplift in itself, and I can assure you that you will not regret it, if you will just organize a club for the young girls in every town or country community where there is a W.I. Of course, it takes time; I grant you that, and you may have to give up an occasional bridge party, or the like, but it is worth the trouble.

The members of the Calgary Club will be around to ask you to buy our magazine. It is only 10c per copy, and you should have it in order to keep in touch with our work. Through the assistance of Mrs. F. G. Grevett, we have put the magazine on a paying basis, so it can be sold for 10c; it used to be 25c. It is the yearly record of our doings.

In closing, Edna Jacques has written a message especially for W.I.G.C.'s Supervisors, I think.

"FULL MEASURE"

God loves good measure, loves the lavish hand,
The full abundant harvest of the land,
The barley measure heaped and rounded up,
The second mile—the cloak—the brimming cup.
There is no stint in all His boundless store,
The golden sheaves that crowd the threshing floor;
(Remember how the woman knelt and poured
ALL of her precious ointment on the Lord).

He loves the full glad heart's abundant praise,
The worker singing at his task—the days
Heaped up with joy, the morning's gladsome lift,
The cheerful giver happy in his gift.
The loaf I gave away shall multiply,
And be forever more my soul's supply.
(Twelve baskets would not hold the blessed bread
After the weary multitudes were fed).

Ah! May I give full handed to the Lord
Every last penny that I can afford,
Lest one should go uncomforted and be
Naked and hungry there because of me.

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REPORT OF EDUCATION AND BETTER SCHOOLS - 1935-37

Mrs. W. R. Roberts, Sexsmith, Convener.

I am both pleased and proud to present my report of the work done by our Branches in Education and Better Schools—pleased because of the excellent response to my request for reports, and proud of the record which they present. I wish to thank all those Secretaries, Conveners and Directors who sent me such full reports of the meetings and the work done. I think nearly every branch has done something. I could not mention each Branch by name, for it would keep you here an extra day at this Convention. So I have tried to group the activities under various heads and only mention individual Branches where the idea or project struck me as original or of assistance to other Branches. More and more our women are being conscious of the fact that education does not begin and end with the school. They are realizing that everything we do can be and should be an education to us. As one secretary wrote, "Education is for life, and every meeting is an education in that, it adds something to the fullness of our life and the richness of our experiences."

Papers—The number and variety of the papers on educational subjects given at our Branches is a source of amazement to anyone not aware of the scope of the Institute work. "The New Curriculum" and the "Larger Unit" were the outstanding topics for study throughout the entire Province. The "New Course of Studies and the Enterprise System" was discussed in practically every Branch. with demonstrations by teachers and pupils in many cases. The discussions following these meetings showed how keenly alert our women are to the problems of our schools and their present-day needs. Other subjects on which papers were given were, "Reading as an Education", "Beauty in Education", "Art and Music for the Children", "Health in Education", "More Sanitary School Grounds", "Adult Education", "Leisure and Education", "Vocations for Girls", "School Systems of the World", "Our Royal Family", "Mental Hygiene", "The Country Women of the World", "The Merits of the Dormitory System", "The Little Red School House", and a number of biographies of famous people in Canada and England, one of which was of our own President, Mrs. Ferguson.

Play Contests—Two Institutes sponsor play contests at which several rural schools compete and prizes are given.

Oratorical Contests are sponsored by several Branches.

Festivals—In many Branches papers have been given on the "Musical Festival", and wherever there is a festival held the Institutes are to the fore with their assistance, donating medals and shields, donating to the expense of children attending the festivals, serving out-of-town visitors to the festival, and helping the teacher in the training of the children. One Branch bought an organ for the school, another a piano, and another loaned the W.I. piano to the school so that the children could be trained for the festival. One Branch held a public rehearsal of the festival numbers previous to the festival, at which they paid for an outside critic to be present, and found his criticisms very helpful. Several Branches encouraged the pupils to enter the festival and had the contestants give the entry items at the Institute meeting.

School Fairs—Several Branches gave donations of cash or seeds to school fairs. One provided the hall in which the exhibits were shown. The members of another acted as clerks for the fair. A Branch in the Grande Prairie District holds its own school fair, which is proving a very worth-while undertaking for this Branch. Another Branch served lunch to the judges and officials of the school fair and gave the proceeds to the fair.

School Lunches—Several Branches provide the cocoa and supplies for the hot lunch for the pupils during the winter months. One Branch bought a stove so that the hot lunch could be prepared.

First Aid Kits—Several Branches donated first aid kits to the schools, and others who had donated the kits in previous years had these kits renewed at the opening of the term. One Branch had a roll call answered by a donation to the first aid kit.

Libraries—There were many donations of money to purchase books, and donations of books, periodicals, newspapers to the school libraries. One Branch has about eighty books, which are available for school pupils. Another Branch assisted in founding a library by making a house to house canvass of the district, asking for any books which could be donated to the library; any books which would be loaned for the use of the pupils for a time, or any books that would be sold to the library. The results of this canvass far exceeded the expectations of the women who made the requests. The new course makes a library imperative, and I am pleased to see the increased interest which is being taken in books and reading. Our women are becoming more and more concerned to see that the proper kind of books are available and read by ourselves and our families. I would like to pause here to quote a little anonymous verse entitled "The Books We Read":

"We build our home of many things,
Of little joys and sorrows—
Of broken faiths, of children's trust,
Of hope for glad tomorrows.
Of hollyhocks beside the fence,
Of hours of dreary weather,
And blest are we if we can count
The books we read together.
For strong and safe that home shall stand
That knows the joy of sharing;
No burden shall be found too great,
No pains too deep for bearing.
So if you'd build your house of life
For every kind of weather,
Include good books, the kind of books
That you can read together."

Roll Calls—There were a number of interesting roll calls on educational subjects. Among them were, "What Branch of Education do You Consider Most Beneficial to Women?" "A Suitable Book For My Child", "Shall We Have Hot Lunch at Our School?" "What Do You Think of the New School Act?" A two-minute talk on "Women of Other Countries." A spelling match of words commonly misspelled proved interesting and instructive to one Branch, while some others enjoyed answering a general knowledge contest.

Contests for Schools - Prizes—The majority of the Branches provide prizes for the school, the greater percentage being given for the highest standing in the grade. Other prizes were given for the greatest improvement in writing in each grade from I to IV—a sample of writing to be taken in the fall and one in May, and the child showing the most improvement to win. Several Branches had prizes for an essay contest, and for the best booklet made in an enterprise. One Branch sponsored a contest for the best health poster. The entries were of such excellent quality, that after the first prize of \$5.00 had been awarded, the W.I. decided to give a consolation prize of \$2.00 to each of the other schools competing. One Branch varies its contest every year—last year the contest was in rapid calculation; this year it is woodwork for the boys and hemming for the girls. Five schools enter this contest, and it is felt by varying the contest that the interest of a greater number of pupils is stimulated. One Branch gives a prize to the school room having the highest percentage of attendance for the year. The prize is in the form of pictures for the room. Several Branches have given prizes or money scholarships to the student graduating with the highest marks. One Branch in a district, having a large percentage of non-English, holds graduation exercises and presents each graduate with a pin. This is a splendid gesture on the part of the Institute to promote better education among our settlers from other lands. One Branch has a Christmas gift contest, open to any boy or girl of school age. The children make articles suitable for gifts. These are judged and prizes awarded in each grade.

A Branch in District No. 4 Reports an interesting contest. Six prizes were given for the best treatment of 200 words, this to include proper pronunciation, meaning, each word to be used in a descriptive sentence, and finally written ten

times. Marks were given for neatness, pronunciation, meaning stated clearly, and the value of the sentence respecting the meaning of the word. This contest caused much thought and burrowing into dictionaries, and was considered by all members as being particularly helpful to a limited vocabulary.

Industrial Education—Several meetings had as their topic such industrial subjects as Paint, Tapioca and Wheat, with discussions of the industries pertaining to these. One Branch had a demonstration of Rayon from the spruce tree to the finished product.

Art—In conjunction with the Department of Education several Branches held lectures on "Art" with exhibits of pictures and handicrafts.

Miscellaneous—Several Branches donated sports equipment to the schools, and others gave medals for the field meet. Some Branches served hot cocoa to all children at the field meet, and provided hot dogs and pie at cost to the children. Two Branches report the gift of rhythm bands to the school. Another W.I. bought curtains for the schools and the members take turns washing and ironing these curtains. Another Branch has raised \$100.00, which it will use in putting a fence around the school grounds.

While many Branches spoke of co-operating with the teacher and assisting her in various projects, Standoff W.I. belies its name in that it makes a specialty of "keeping the teacher happy" by getting better acquainted with her through invitations to their homes for week-ends throughout the winter months. And having been a teacher in a rural community, I can appreciate just how much that would mean, especially to a girl who was naturally a little shy or reserved and away from home for the first time.

One Branch put on a special tea and raised funds to send three girls of the district for ten days to a special C.G.I.T. camp under trained leadership.

Several Institutes have made the education meeting a public one, one Branch holding theirs in the school. A program is prepared, with the school children taking part, and several speakers giving short addresses on educational topics. Community singing, and of course refreshments, complete the successful and entertaining meeting.

Stony Plain Constituency had every Secretary report without being asked.

In conclusion, I would like to give these words by Angelo Patri in his article "Why Educate Them?"

Why bother sending children to school? What future is there for them? The professions are overcrowded, the arts have no market, trades are overcrowded in every field. Nobody knows what's going to happen, but it is a sure thing the old days are gone forever.

Nobody ever did know what's going to happen. Some people thought they did, but they were wrong. Yet children went to college and to high school and trade school, strong in the faith that their efforts to improve themselves would not be lost. I think that faith was justified, and still is.

The mistake has been that for the past 100 years and more we confused our minds in relation to the purposes of education. We fixed upon the subject matter of the course of study as the chief end of schooling. It never was the chief end, and if this social upheaval makes that point clear, it has been worthwhile.

Lessons are nothing more than the tools the teacher uses to develop the mind and soul and body of the pupils. . . . We send the children to school, or we ought to do so, to develop and strengthen their characters, their minds and souls. And souls come first. A society that is without a soul is doomed. An education that is centred on getting information and knowledge that leads to selfish living is doomed to die. The one certain imperishable quality on earth is the human spirit. It is to educate that, to liberate that, that we educate children. . . . No matter what comes or goes the human spirit goes on through the ages and education is the breath of its being. By all means send the children to college. Not to get marks and medals and good jobs, but to get understanding of the way of life. The job follows naturally, for there is a place for every one of us provided we are fitted for it.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION - 1935-1937

Mrs. D. H. Galbraith, Nanton, Convener.

During the period since we last met in convention, history has indeed been in the making; probably we have never gone through so many changes in so short a time.

Within the British Empire all men and women are united in one great bond—the throne. Upon this throne we have had, since January, 1936, three kings. The reign of George V swept to its close in the afterglow of the Silver Jubilee—a great and good reign. The nations sorrowed for a great king. Then followed Edward, who we so fondly looked on as our Prince; but his reign was short; his abdication came in less than a year. This brought about a great constitutional crisis, which in almost any other country would have caused a bloody revolution, but Britain, with her love for law and order, stands stolidly unmoved. Edward was succeeded by his brother, George, who, with his Queen Elizabeth, now sits upon the throne. It is interesting to note that at the coronation this is the first time the king is given the title of King of Canada.

On the 14th of May the Imperial Council is to meet in London. Since they last met there has been a change in status. Then they came together as colonies, now they come, for the first time, as separate nations under one king. The problems they will have to discuss are serious and quite different to what they were seven years ago.

According to Dr. Stewart three momentous questions must be dealt with:

1. The weakening of the League of Nations.
2. The great increase of the war menace.
3. The demand from the great powers wanting territorial expansions or trade agreement that will satisfy their demands.

Turning to Canada we find in the summer of 1935 we had two elections, one for the Dominion House, which resulted in a change of Government, and the Provincial election, which introduced into Alberta a Social Credit Government.

"Truly of the making of laws there is no end." We can only give a short resume of a few of the outstanding which have been passed.

The Home Improvement Plan of the National Employment Commission, under the authority of the Dominion Government, is an endeavor of double purpose, to improve Canadian homes and to provide employment for Canadian workers. By home improvement is meant the renovation or alteration of, or addition to a house to provide for the owner, better, more convenient, more modern living conditions or increased accommodation. The owner may borrow the required sum up to \$2,000.00, and repayments made monthly over any period not exceeding three years. Any contractor, supply firm or architect can help you arrange a Home Improvement Plan loan to finance the work for you or you can apply direct to your banker.

The Re-Habilitation Act is just what the name indicates, an endeavor to reclaim the drought and wind-swept lands of the Prairie Provinces. While it will be some time before results will be seen, much is already being done. The farmers in building dams, etc., and planting trees, as well as using preventive measures of cultivation to control drifting are co-operating with those appointed by the Government to implement this great work.

As a number of Acts, both Provincial and Federal, have been declared unconstitutional; it is interesting to note that in passing judgment on the Natural Products Marketing Act, which was declared ultra vires, their Lordships give an indication of the method which would stand the test of legality. Their statement on this point is as follows:—"The Board (i.e., the Judicial Committee of the Provincial Council) were given to understand that some of the Provinces attach much importance to the existence of marketing schemes such as might be set up under this legislation, and their attention was called to the existence of Provincial legislation setting up Provincial schemes for various Provincial

products. It was said, that as the Provinces and the Dominion between them possess a totality of complete legislative authority, it must be possible to combine Dominion and Provincial legislation so that each, within its own sphere, could, in co-operation with the other, achieve the complete power of regulation which is desired. Unless and until a change is made in the respective legislative functions of Dominion and Province it may well be that satisfactory results for both can be obtained by co-operation."

Under the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act applications may be made to the Official Receiver by a debtor to have his debts adjusted. This adjustment is made by a Board of Review of three members, consisting of a judge, a representative for the creditors and a representative for the debtor. Many farmers have made application and received adjustments which have placed them in positions whereby they are enabled to carry on. This is the beginning of a type of legislation which promises to become very important in solving the present debt situation.

The Privy Council has decided this Act is valid legislation. The Minister of Finance, the Hon. Charles Dunning, said in such a case the Dominion Government would strengthen the administration of the Act. It remains to be seen to what extent this will be done.

The Canadian Farm Loan Act of 1927 was amended in 1934 and radically modified by the Canadian Farm Board Loan Act Amendment Act, 1935. Before an applicant can have his application considered by the Board it is necessary that he come within the definition of farmer, which, under the Act, means, a person whose principal occupation consists of farming which includes stock raising, dairying and tillage of the soil. The maximum amount of the loan is reduced to \$5,000.00. The proceeds of the loan may be used to purchase farm land, farm equipment necessary to the proper operation of farm mortgaged, to make improvements, to discharge liabilities already accumulated, or for any other purpose which, in the judgment of the Board, may be reasonably considered as improving the value of the land for agricultural purposes.

The loans are repayable upon such terms and within such periods not in excess of 25 years as the Board may prescribe. However, all loans repayable over a period in excess of five years shall be paid in equal annual or semi-annual instalments of principal and interest.

Legislation to meet the request for a Wheat Board was passed and in the fall of 1935 commenced to function. At present it is not operative, but the Turgeon Commission is making inquiry into the different phases of the marketing of grain.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION

Consolidation Debt Adjustment Act. This Act is a complete revision and consolidation of the old Debt Adjustment Act. As the general provisions of the old Act the powers of the Debt Adjustment Board and its administration are by this time widely known, it is not necessary to review in detail all the provisions of the Act.

The Debt Adjustment Board is continued with all the powers it originally had, but the following changes in operation of the Act are made:

(a) Whereas the old Act only applied to debt incurred before July, 1932, the new Act covers all debts incurred prior to July 1st, 1936.

(b) The right of appeal to the Courts from the decision of the Board is taken away.

Other alterations were also made applying to mortgages, rentals, etc.

The Debt Reduction and Settlement of Debts Act was passed in an endeavor to reduce old debts, or debts incurred before 1st July, 1932. With respect to old debts, the Act provides that any sum paid on account either for principal or interest since July 1st, 1932, must be applied to principal and the balance made payable over a period of ten years without interest. This Act has been declared ultra vires by Judge Ewing of the Supreme Court, but the Government has appealed his decision. In the meantime a 60-day moratorium is in effect to enable a debtor to seek protection if action is brought against him.

The Alberta Credit House Act. This Act provides for the setting up of a separate body corporate to be known as Alberta Credit House. The function of the credit is to provide dividends to such extent as authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to receive deposits of Alberta credit, vouchers and transfers of Alberta credit, and to receive currency in all kinds of negotiable instruments from any person, and to convert the same into Alberta credit.

The Act also authorizes the Credit House to make certain loans.

The Ultimate Purchasers' Tax Act provides for the payment of a tax of 2% by the purchaser of any commodity which is purchased by him for his own use or for any purpose other than the resale thereof. No tax is payable when the price of purchase is below 15c. The duty of collecting and remitting the tax is imposed upon the vendor. Various other Acts which might be termed Social Credit legislation, such as the Licensing of Trades and Business Act, Tradesmen's Qualification Act, Social Credit Measures Act, are on the statutes.

Demise of the Crown Act provides that the holding of any office under the Crown in the right of the Province, and the right or capacity to follow any profession or calling, shall not be affected by the demise of the Crown; and declares that upon the demise of the Crown it shall not be necessary for any person to take a new oath in respect to such office, profession or calling.

A new provision in the **Mothers' Allowance Act** is made requiring a woman in receipt of a mother's allowance to reside within the boundaries of the municipality liable for the payment of a portion of the allowance.

A married woman who, by an order of a District Court Judge, is declared to have been deserted without reasonable cause by her husband for a continuous period of five years or upwards immediately preceding the date of such an order, is included in the definition of widow for the purposes of the Act.

Legislation must of necessity change from time to time to keep abreast with changing conditions, nevertheless legislation must at all times keep true to certain basic principals, which might be summed up as the doctrine of Christianity.

The reports of the work done by the Institutes are very encouraging; the interest in the subject seems to be increasing. One Convener suggests that at the rate at which legislation is put through more than one meeting will be required to study it.

The practice of inviting a M.L.A. or lawyer to address a meeting has been growing. Some such meetings were open to the public and helped to arouse interest in the W.I. work as well as in the subject taken up. Many Institutes spoke of the kindness of Mrs. Ferguson in speaking to them on this subject and of the great help given.

The Red Deer West Constituency is aiming to have 100% on work of Standing Committees. Out of all Institutes, two were down one subject; a remarkable showing.

Boyce Convener on Legislation reads a short report each month covering new items on the subject gleaned from the press.

Daysland reports strict parliamentary procedure at their meeting. This is excellent. I heard of a meeting (not the W.I.) which, owing to the lack of anyone being present who knew how to conduct a meeting, was unable to proceed.

Edmonton had short talks on parliamentary procedure at each meeting, dealing with motions and amendments, and showing how to make a motion and an amendment, and how to deal with each.

It is well for our women to make these studies so as to be in a better position to cast an intelligent vote. Day by day we see greater responsibilities thrown on governments, and day by day we must fit ourselves to play our parts as democratic citizens.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS

Mrs. R. E. Wood, Stony Plain, Convener.

It gives me great pleasure to submit my first report on the work done in Household Economics by our Alberta Women's Institute Branches. It is my first experience in Standing Committee work, and I have found it very interesting and helpful to myself, and I trust that during the two years I have been of some assistance to our Branches.

A story goes that a little boy, hearing his father say that he was going to a committee meeting, asked: "Daddy, what is a committee?" The father, only a lowly miner, but most wise, replied: "A committee, my son, is a number of persons who make minutes and try not to waste hours." Our Household Economics Committee strives to do that very thing, it seems to me.

Household Economics is a study of the home and its needs; a study of the family we live with; the food we eat; the houses we live in; the clothes we wear, and our relationships each to the other in our homes and in our committees. In short—HOME-MAKING.

Home-making is more than housekeeping; more than clothing, feeding and housing the family. It includes making the family happy; earning, spending and saving of the family income; keeping the family well by proper diet; caring for the sick; entertaining our friends; taking a vital interest in community affairs, and keeping in touch with the world's progress.

Home-making is a joyous adventure—an adventure that challenges the best efforts of the finest womanhood of today. Home-making is an art, a science, a vocation, a profession. More people are engaged in home-making than in any other occupation. Every other occupation demands training. Why should anyone question the need for training for such a complicated occupation as home-making?

Outside of Universities and Agricultural Schools, where can home-makers receive this training easier than in our Women's Institute Branches? I like to think of our Institutes as "Schools for Grown-ups" or "Home-makers' Universities." Today we have in Canada some 3,000 of these study centres with about 75,000 students. If we would make our studies uniform, the possibilities for real advancement in Household Economics are many.

In 1897, when the first Women's Institute was formed at Stony Creek, they called it "The Woman's Department of the Farmers' Institute of South Wentworth." The first regular meeting was held Thursday, February 25th, when the name of the society was discussed and changed to "The Women's Institute of Saltfleet." The constitution and by-laws were drafted and adopted. The constitution read, "The object of this Institute shall be to promote that knowledge of Household Science which shall lead to the improvement in Household Economics and architecture, with special attention to sanitation; to a better understanding of the economic and hygienic value of goods and fuels, and to a more scientific care of children, with a view to raising the general health of our people."

In 1902 the motto, "For Home and Country," submitted by Mrs. Laura Rose Stephen, was chosen for the organization. So, of all our Standing Committees, that of Household Economics is the one that Mrs. Hoodless had uppermost in her mind when she advanced the idea of organization for study. It is the one committee that permits, most easily, of individual study, as well as organized study; is the one mentioned first in the constitution; is the one that bears most closely on our motto, for our homes affect our community, and what the community affects the nation, and what the nation affects the world. So let each Women's Institute member keep up-to-date in her knowledge of the various phases of Household Economics and make our homes more than houses, and make home-making more than feeding, clothing and housing the family.

When I started out in this Household Economic Committee work we took as our slogan, "Better Cooking," with the objective of encouraging our members to have less elaborate cooking and less complicated meals, and conserving their time and energy. We set six objectives, and as in the story, when a teacher asked her class in spelling to state the difference between the words "result" and "consequence", a bright girl replied, "Results are what you expect and consequences are what you get." I feel that during the two years' work I got results and consequences, for I expected and I got, so to speak.

Our objectives were plainly stated in the February 1st, 1936, bulletin, and emphasized again in the "Home and Country," October 1st issue. Many Branches report reading those articles, and it is very gratifying to know that the bulletins are used by our Branches. The letters received show considerable interest has been taken in the Household Economic Committee work during the past two years. Several Branches are studying a booklet, "In Times Like These," by Margaret Malone Vant. One Branch obtained booklets, "Honey and Its Many Uses," from the Department of Agriculture, and distributed them to each member. Several papers, clippings, etc., were sent to our W.I. Loan Collection, and many Branches made use of material from there.

The question box on Household Economic subjects proved helpful in many Institutes, while short speeches on Household Economic topics were given, or clippings from magazines and papers read at meetings in other Branches. An idea used by one Institute is what they called a "Magic Box." The members all gather useful household hints and information and place them in the box. These are read each month when the Chairman of Household Economics gives her report.

I have received eighty-one applications for material, and although at first the requests read, "I have to give a paper on Household Economics. Please send me material," lately the letters read, "I have to give a paper on Household Management, particularly budgeting of our money. Please send me material"; or "I have to give a paper on Buying Foods and Planning Meals. Please send me material." Then, too, in most cases the writers state the date of giving the paper and have given me plenty of time to select something really suitable.

Many Branches observed Household Economics' Week by holding their Household Economics' meeting during April. The Gillespie Grain Co. and Susan Agar co-operated with your Provincial Convener that week in broadcasting over Radio Station CFRN, Edmonton. Each day during Household Economics Week helpful items, bearing especially on our work, were broadcast. Many Institute members listened to these broadcasts, and many Branches took advantage of the Gillespie Grain Co's offer to broadcast Institute meetings and events throughout the year. Many competitions were conducted by our Branches during Household Economics' Week. Some of these were standard cake, chocolate cake, spice cake and bread contests; one-plate luncheon contest, and house dress competition. One Branch held a thrift exhibit during that week with 31 articles on display. In one W.I. each member cooked an oven-dinner during that week, trying out oven recipes and arranging menus to suit their own tastes and needs. Results were discussed and recipes exchanged at a meeting following the trials.

Roll calls used by Branches during the two years were: "Hints for a Sunday Dinner", "A Brand of Canadian Canned Goods That I Have Used and Can Recommend", "Child Training", "The Value of Calories", "School Lunches", "Removal of Stains", "House Cleaning Hints", "Labor Saving Devices", "My Idea of a Nourishing Meal", "My Favorite Recipe", "A Simple Dessert", "Economy Hint", "An Apron Pattern", "Favorite Icing Recipe", "Favorite Pudding Recipe", "A Pickle Recipe", "How to Store Vegetables for Winter Use", "Antidotes for Poison", "Step Savers", "Combining Left-overs to Make a Palatable Meal", "Most Useful Article in My Kitchen", and "How I Plan Our Meals." One interesting roll call was called "Sample Day." Each member answered roll call with a recipe of jam, jelly or pickle and donated a sample of the finished product to the W.I. This was later sold at a bazaar.

Reports state that a great many helpful papers have been given by our Branches during the past two years. Some of the topics were: "Better Kitchen Equipment", "How to Buy and Prepare Foods", "How to Make our Houses

Homes", "Bottled Sunshine", "Art of Entertaining", "Foods, Their Value and How to Use Them", "Filling Up the Christmas Gift Box", "This and That About the Home", and "How to Budget Money." One Constituency Chairman reported in full on an interesting book review of L. M. Gilbuth's, "The Home-maker and Her Job." She stated that this book could be borrowed from The Extension Department Library. One Branch had an interesting paper on "Chocolate", dealing with the product in all its stages of growth, manufacture and consumption, and each member was presented with a cook book of Baker's best chocolate recipes. One rather unique method of holding a Household Economics' meeting was reported. One member explained the work covered by our Household Economics' Committee and dealt in detail with the four phases. After the topic "Foods" had been explained, another member gave a five-minute talk on "The School Lunch." At the conclusion of the explanation of "Household Management", another member gave a short talk on "Entertainment in the Home. After the "Clothing and Textiles" phase had been dealt with, another member gave a talk on "Removal of Stains", and when the topic of "Shelter" was finished a talk on "Interior Decoration" was given.

Demonstrations have been very popular and a great many helpful ones were given. Some of them were, Cheese Making, Brown Sugar Icing, Angel Cake Making, Making Buttonholes, Making an Easter Dessert, Making Real Boston Baked Beans, Making of Bath, Laundry and Face Soap from Tallow and Cracklings, Easily Prepared Supper Dishes, Wholesome Desserts and Home-Made Candy, Dry Cleaning, Glove Making, Rug Making, Making of Javelle Water, and Typical Meals in a Scottish Home, with recipes given for the dishes. One unusual demonstration reported was the making of home-made maple syrup from small potatoes. One Institute had a local talent demonstration, at which the making of a lampshade, soap chips, knitted bedsocks, buttonholes and orange icing were demonstrated. Many Branches had demonstrations on Table Setting, Short-cuts in Sewing, Interior Decoration and Art in Everyday Life, from the Home Bureau Department

Several Women's Institutes sent a woman to Farm Women's Week at either Olds or Vermilion School of Agriculture. It gave me great pleasure to receive reports from several Constituency Chairmen of Household Economics, stating 100% activity in that subject by the Branches in their Constituencies.

I feel that I cannot close this report without passing on a few suggestions that have occurred to me during my work on the Household Economics Committee.

1. That our Institutes earnestly request our Provincial Government to continue the Health Clinic and add a Nutrition Clinic to it. More helpful information should be given our people on "Proper Diets for Health," and these two clinics can do, and should be doing a great service for our people in this regard.

2. After twenty-five years our Women's Institutes in Alberta seem to be still drifting along in Household Economics work and are losing many benefits by lack of concentrated study along Household Economic lines. Let us get "Homemakers' University" conscious and make our Institutes what Mrs. Hoodless visualized. Let every branch in Alberta study one subject during the next two years, individually and as an organization, and we shall begin to accomplish benefits from our Household Economics work. I think it would be a good 25th year jubilee resolution.

3. My last suggestion is that every Institute start a section in their minute book termed "Things Our Institute Ought to Know," and this list be read at every annual meeting at least. In this way, new Secretaries, new Chairmen of Standing Committees, and new Constituency Conveners would have some training in their duties.

In closing I wish to thank those members who have made individual study of "Foods and Diet" and hope that by now you are putting your information to work by providing wholesome, nourishing meals to a healthy family. My thanks also go to all Constituency Chairmen of Household Economics who sent in such splendid reports, and to those District Directors who co-operated with me by sending the Household Economics reports given at their Constituency Conferences.

PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Mrs. M. Morley, Verdant Valley, Convener.

In presenting this report I must explain it is not as up-to-date as I would like it. Owing to illness I was unable to send out reminders for reports this spring. Judging, however, by the demand for many kinds of literature on this subject much serious study has been given by our members during the winter. Two years ago we were all very keen, and the reports received last year via the District Directors showed the great enthusiasm of the members of this committee. With the indecision on the part of the League of Nations regarding the Italo-Ethiopian trouble, resentment was expressed, and for a time interest seemed to lag. Lately a revival of interest is shown, chiefly, perhaps, because of the International Peace Campaign whose first effort is to co-ordinate all peace-loving forces on an international scale, and whose only enemy would be an aggressor who, in defiance of international law, would destroy the peace of the world. The National Executive of the League of Nations in Canada has a positive and constructive program of Peace activities, as many of you know, and I hope before the close of this Convention that every delegate will feel obligated to further the cause of Peace in her home and community to the best of her ability. The international situation changes so frequently and so rapidly that we have had to learn to adjust our ideas by first examining the authenticity of statements and holding fast to the belief that there is no trouble on earth that cannot be adjusted by means of arbitration and conciliation.

I find most Institutes have followed the regular course of study either in May or November of each year. Peace programs have been staged, so I will not detail the roll calls, papers, contests (Essay and Poster), speakers on special branches of the League work, radio gatherings with round table discussion, and school activities.

I wish to commend all those W.I.'s who subscribed to the "Interdependence" and other League of Nations publications. Perhaps even more will be able to send donations this year. We all know that war costs money, but not so many realize that peace is costing money, too, and we must be prepared to pay the price for the educational work for the sake of our young people and small children, too. We cannot begin too early to teach the lessons of Peace. Many of our Institutes subscribe to "International Conciliation", a marvelous bargain at five cents a copy.

Minburn W.I. did excellent publicity work for this committee. Their resolution came so soon after the presenting to the Federal Government of a similar resolution by the combined peace organizations, that it was held back. Keep up the good work, for many are not yet converted to our view.

The reading of "Testimony of Youth", by Vera Britten, at the W.I. meetings, and many similar books shows the deep earnestness of our members. Drumheller had a happy idea for their November meeting, when three of their members who were Vimy pilgrims presented their impressions in the form of "papers," each taking a different angle of the trip. These papers may be secured from the Loan Collection and are excellent reading. Warspite bought the book "Enemies of Mankind" and is passing it around to the membership. There is a great variety of literature suitable for your home Institute library, very reasonably priced. Also may I remind our members that the Loan Collection has some very fine "papers" on this subject. Another matter I wish to stress, is that when you are writing for help to your Convener, please be specific, as the League of Nations topic is a very large and comprehensive one. We are apt to forget that war prevention is only one branch of the work, and that a great field of work is successfully carried on through the health and labor departments, besides many others. For instance, the United States is not a member of the League, but she

has co-operated on no less than twenty-two committees and commissions annually since 1931. One Constituency Convener makes the suggestion that any of our W.I. members who may be planning a trip East this summer be sure to visit the International Peace Garden, the most wonderful in the world, situated between Manitoba and North Dakota, the 3,000 acres which have been set aside as a Centennial Peace Memorial, where trees, shrubs and flowers are being planted from all over the world.

For those who are going West, let me remind them of the Pan Pacific Women's Association, whose main object is "Peace." The fourth triennial Conference takes places in Vancouver, July 21st to 24th, 1937. Miss Violet McNaughton is asking for any outstanding programs or posters, or any other feature suitable for an exhibit in connection with the peace work of the Women's Institutes. Would delegates have these addressed to Mrs. Ferguson who will collect and send on. I will close this brief report with many thanks to all who have co-operated in this important work, and very best wishes for its continued success.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION AT OLDS, JULY 13 to 16, 1937

Margaret Cravath Bell, Supervisor of the A.W.I.G.C.'s

When we arrived at Olds on Tuesday morning there was the photographer ready to take our photos; and we not even organized. Well, I protested, but he would take it, and when we gathered at 1 p.m. there were 124 girls there, and many Supervisors, and Mrs. Wood as a special surprise for the girls. It was a grand picture, and if he hadn't taken it that day the rain would have prevented it, as it rained all the time, except to clear long enough to have our sports contest on Wednesday afternoon. We were glad to be under cover most of the time.

The spirit of the Convention was especially happy; everyone seemed to be having a good time; even the two sick girls were brave as could be, and never complained. When our banquet speaker failed to arrive because of the rain, our girls just filled in with proper talks, and everything went along beautifully. The spirit of co-operation was very strong. The Executive handled every crisis with tact and wisdom that would have been a credit to our women. I feel that this Coronation Convention was quite outstandingly a success. I had been told that there were one hundred at a Convention at Banff, so was quite overjoyed when our registration showed twenty-four over that number. We had to have four demonstrations; I had hoped for that and had invited Mrs. Wood to surprise the girls and take one of the demonstrations. Hers was very interesting—making vanity sets by darning cable marquisette. The Misses McIntyre and Switzer, with their usual charming manner, gave a popular demonstration in "Batiking" and "Art in Dress." Miss Jean Moore gave the demonstration in Fiber Rose Making; but the classes were so large (28), that I had to help, and we had to call in the other Directors that were available; but if the number of beautiful corsages that were worn at the banquet meant anything, this demonstration was very popular. Outstanding lectures were given by Betty Thompson; Mrs. R. E. Wood; Mr. Kemp, on "Some Interesting Flowers"; Miss Ferris; Miss McIntyre; Miss Switzer, and Mrs. E. J. Bell. An afternoon was made especially bright by a musical presentation and history of some old Scotch songs by our President, Mrs. Wm. Stewart, who was an honored guest on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. F. G. Grevett gave a splendid account of the Vimy Trip, illustrated with lantern slides.

It was a matter of great delight to me that the prizes went into so many different Clubs; it means that all were trying and doing their best. The co-operation shown by Mr. Murray and all the staff is a great factor in making the Conventions such a success. Lest I forget, we went to the picture show in the school van and cars kindly contributed by members of the staff. Here's hoping that our next Convention may be as happily successful as this one was.

REPORT ON CHILD WELFARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Mrs. H. R. Evans, Innisfree, Convener.

Madam President and Members of Alberta Women's Institutes:

It is with very great pleasure that I present my report of two very active years of work among the Branches in Child Welfare and Public Health. I am very sorry to say that only nine Constituencies have reported from more than thirty. Obviously something must be done about these reports. It is only from the press that I have gathered what a great amount of work is being done along our lines for the relief of needy cases, and the giving of food and clothing and medical care when assistance is necessary. I am not reporting hot lunches, playground equipment, Christmas trees, etc., for, important as this work is, it really belongs to other Committees.

Those Branches who have reported seem to be adhering to the outline of work which I prepared for 1935 to 1937, particularly along the lines of vaccination and inoculation against communicable diseases. The gradual decline in the number of deaths from communicable diseases in recent years shows what may be accomplished by education and by the application of established methods of prevention and control.

Maternal and infant welfare are well to the front in the work of our Institutes. No health problem can be of greater consequence to a nation than the care of the mother and her unborn babe. Someone has said that the child is the building stone of the community, and each child has a right to be well born. He has the same right to physical and moral health as to an education. The community with its Women's Institute Branch must take up the responsibility where the knowledge and resources of the family end.

John Dewey, philosopher and educator, says: "What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child, that must the community want for all its children."

An active interest is being shown in the health of the child while at school. First aid kits have been provided, also wash bowls, soap and towels, so that children may wash their hands when necessary, and especially before eating their noonday lunch. In one Institute a cot was provided for the primary room of their school so that small children coming long distances might rest comfortably. But there is still that very great need for physical training missing in so many schools. It is often taken up just for 10 minutes on Friday afternoons. This type of spasmodic drill is practically useless, and the deportment of the average school child is deplorable. There is also the need for organized play. So often the children are left to their own devices at playtime. Five minutes or more of physical drill twice a day and organized recreation will make for better study and clearer minds. See what you can do about this matter in your own school district.

Southern Alberta Institutes are making great headway with their radium fund for the control of cancer. This is a most commendable project and Mrs. Thompson, Director of District No. 4, informs me, that after listening to a very fine address by Dr. Stuart M. Rose, Radiologist, on "Cancer and the Urgent Need of Radium," the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Conference:

"WHEREAS all radium in Alberta is privately owned; Be it resolved that this Conference of Women's Institutes of District No. 4, assembled at Lethbridge on this 5th day of March, 1936, go on record in instituting a campaign for the raising of a fund to purchase radium for the free use of all in need of such treatment in Southern Alberta."

The Northern districts are working in connection with building and endowments of hospitals, and throughout the province there is a very marked activity with clinics of all descriptions, particularly baby clinics and tonsil clinics. So much good work is done by these clinics, especially in the treatment of small children whose parents are financially unable to meet a doctor's bill. The Branches are always ready and willing to help with any "follow up" work.

Some very excellent papers were read at meetings, and interesting speakers dealt with a variety of subjects.

At the instigation of our Institutes hundreds of children throughout the Province have now been inoculated against all the communicable diseases, and receive a yearly medical examination.

The Short Course on Home Nursing, consisting of seven fairly long lessons, was well received, and about 120 Branches took advantage of it. Many are still studying it. Indeed, it is a subject which cannot be grasped in one or two short W.I. meetings. Some Branches have bound it, and added it to their library for further reference. Only a very few took the examination, which was very simple. This was most disappointing. Nearly all passed with a good percentage of marks. Lanfine W.I. included some young girls in their studies of the course, and these girls all wrote most commendable answers in the examinations. May I here say thank you to all those ladies who wrote me such delightful letters relative to the course. They were much appreciated. I have now prepared a First Aid Course which I hope will eventually be taken up by all the Branches. It is really necessary that every mother and home-maker should know how to render some first aid in the home, especially in those districts so far removed from doctors and district nurses.

All Institutes are doing excellent relief work, and the making of layettes, mothers' bundles, and quilts goes on apace. In connection with this point, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Timothy Eaton Co., The Robert Simpson Co., and The Army and Navy Stores for various gifts of flannel-ette, wool and material which they have contributed.

Some of the high lights from the few reports sent in are:

Garrington W.I. have talks and discussions at almost every meeting relative to Child Welfare and Public Health, and help all expectant mothers who need help and advice.

Round Hill W.I.—A small boy was taken to the eye clinic and later to the Institute of the Blind. They are also trying to obtain the services of a health officer.

Ohaton W.I.—Have made five layettes and a mother's bundle, and had a most interesting lecture from a dentist on "The Formation and Care of the Teeth."

Donalda W.I.—Have had some very interesting papers on a wide variety of subjects pertaining to child welfare, and have been very active in relief work. They sent a big box of clothing to the Peace River district. This Branch has a maternity kit which is in constant use. They also procured a cot for the primary room so that small children coming from long distances could rest.

Hand Hills Constituency sent in a most comprehensive report of all their Branches, with Miss Jones, public health nurse, speaking on a variety of topics dealing with public health and child welfare, at nearly all the branches.

Drumheller W.I. in this Constituency gave free milk to the undernourished children in the public schools for five and one-half months at a cost of \$365.00.

Paradise Valley W.I. have been very active in all branches of child welfare. They have sponsored a preventive medicine clinic for all school children and pre-school age children, and also a tonsil clinic. The operations were performed by the local doctor at a government clinic cost of \$15.00 per operation.

Minburn W.I. report a meeting given over to child management. Each member brought a question written on a slip of paper asking how to tackle some problem she had come up against in the training and management of her children. One member collected questions and another led discussions on the questions, and thus many difficulties were solved.

Birch Creek W.I. had a child's eyes tested and supplied her with suitable glasses. They are also agitating for a municipal doctor.

Vegreville W.I.—During the winter their clothing cupboard was opened once a week for distribution of clothing and necessities to the needy of the town and district. They also sponsored about twenty tonsillectomy operations.

Medicine Hat Constituency sent in a very concise report showing very clearly what each Branch had done along the lines of Child Welfare and Public Health.

Manyberries W.I. provided a cot in the primary school for young children to rest after travelling a long distance to school. They also sent a boy who was crippled from infantile paralysis to the Red Cross Hospital in Calgary. This Constituency is working hard for the radium fund previously mentioned.

Tomahawk W.I. prepared four layettes for their doctor to carry with him in his car, and to be used at his discretion when needed.

Winterburn W.I. sponsored a health project as part of its program. Four schools took part in a contest, and each was asked to submit a group of four posters. The topics assigned were as follows:

- Grades 1 and 2—Sleep.
- Grades 3 and 4—Teeth.
- Grades 5 and 6—Posture.
- Grades 7 and 8—Diet.

The posters, as submitted by the children, clearly portrayed the health rules which are taught as a regular part of the study of hygiene.

A prize of \$5.00 was awarded to North View, the winning school, and each of the other three schools received \$2.00.

In concluding my report, permit me to express my appreciation of the splendid work that is being done by all the Branches, and to extend to all who have made my work a very real pleasure my most grateful thanks.

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REPORT OF AGRICULTURE AND CANADIAN INDUSTRIES

Mrs. C. H. Stout, 1401 Second Street N.W., Calgary, Convener.

When making the report on Agriculture and Canadian Industries, I feel that to separate the two and make two reports would be to rob the Industries report of its very foundation, in removing it from Agriculture. Here in the West, at least, it is the root and beginning of all other industries. However, we shall first consider Agriculture, and I am sure you will agree with me that it is closely connected to Canadian Industries, if not the parent industry.

Agriculture still is, and ever shall be, one of the vital subjects to study and discuss. Some of the papers given in the Institutes were on the following subject: Strip farming as a preventive of soil drifting. One paper included grains and grasses, grasses for dried or blown out areas, fruit trees and shrubs, sugar beets, market gardening, poultry and live stock, turkey raising, planning a garden, breeds of chicks in which sex is distinguished at hatching (these, I understand, are cross-bred Rhode Island Red male with Barred Rock hens—pullets are all black, cockerels described as black wearing a white beret), eradication of weeds, landscaping, hedges and shelter belts, good done by experimental farms, caracul farming in Alberta, garden growing contest sponsored among school children (seeds supplied by Women's Institutes for these), preparation of soil for garden, the home strawberry patch, rhubarb and its uses.

Some members report success in growing tomatoes, cucumbers and melons. Some raised dahlias and shared bulbs with other members. Contests in arranging flowers were held. Several exchanged seeds and cuttings at the agricultural meeting. In the Calgary-Okotoks Constituency, the Convener gathered many varieties of flower seeds in the parks and distributed them to all Branches in her Constituency. These seeds, ripened locally, would otherwise have gone to waste, and as many lovely varieties are grown here, saving and distributing them was a splendid thing to do. Approximately 500 packages were sent out last year.

A paper on "Agriculture" was given, stressing the way in which Agriculture supplies Industry. Wool and hides, grain, fruit, beets for sugar, milk for cheese and butter, live stock for packing plants, and too many other products to enumerate, all keep the wheels of industry humming in this province.

Members report beautifying of parks, planting trees, caring for cemeteries, growing extra potatoes for benefit of Women's Institute, and studying of perennials, such as bleeding heart, tiger lily, roses, lilacs, peonies, honeysuckle, shasta daisy were a few of those mentioned. Another gave prizes for children's window boxes, potted geraniums, and collections of plants.

Instructions were given for making a dish garden—in a platter or tray. Some took up growing and drying herbs. Many grow dill, sage, thyme, savory and parsley. Possibly there would be a market with some of the packing plants for some of these if grown in large enough quantities. One paper warned against too lavish using of chemical fertilizers, none of which may be used year after year with as good results as manure.

In the Calgary Branch a paper was heard on care of house plants, and one some flowers easily grown in gardens, planning of grounds, trees, shrubs, etc., to frame the house and make a complete picture of the whole. This paper is available for anyone who wishes it.

I am sure many of you have heard the "Farm Forum" broadcasts from the University of Edmonton, and many have derived much information from them. They contain a wealth of wisdom to help the farmer solve the many problems which confront him today.

While many sections were dried out, and crops a failure, this was not so of most sections. Some farmers of Alberta were agreeably surprised last season to find an unexpected demand for malting barley coming from the United States.

New varieties of seeds, both in flowers and vegetables, are always interesting. This year much attention has been given the new Collarette Marigold, on the market for the first time. This marigold is double, and the foliage and flower odorless instead of having the usual unpleasant odor which has lessened the attraction of this flower. I was fortunate enough to run across some of the new short turnip-shaped parsnips last winter, and as some of you already know of this variety, I wish only to say that it is a very satisfactory kind, of good flavor, and much easier to handle than the ordinary variety.

At Taber, 400 acres of broom corn were grown and a good harvest resulted. One farmer sold his crop of fifty acres for \$4,000.00, and was relieved of any harvest or threshing expense. Just recently mention was made in newspapers of the success of two farmers who raised a crop of mustard in the Warner area, and shipped fifteen tons to Ontario. It had been said that most of the mustard raised in the U.S.A. was grown in Montana, and these men believed that it could be grown in Alberta as well. They had a fine crop, the first, I believe, to be grown in the province.

In the early days in Alberta it was impossible to buy any plants, and everyone had to start their own from seeds. February is not too early to sow celery seed in boxes. These can later be transferred to the hot bed or cold frames. Onion seed, too, can be started very early and transplanted several times. New York head lettuce is ready to use earlier if started indoors and transplanted. The planting of a few early seeds lengthens the season at the beginning as well as successive sowings lengthens it later.

In our Province there are still many bare, unprotected farms, many of which were once sheltered by native trees or bushes which were all cleared away. Many a farmer now regrets his too liberal use of grub hoe and axe when trying to get a good shelter belt or hedge started during the last few dry years. Too, many forget to use the common native bushes, even with others if desired, in their planting. In the city I have noticed native choke cherries, pin cherries, saskatoons, dogwood and other wild shrubs and trees used with very lovely effect.

I think the T. Eaton Company should be recognized for the encouragement they give every year in the class for boys' and girls' calf-raising competitions. They always buy the prize winners, and pay the winning owners very handsome prices.

I am sure, from press reports of meetings, that many more Branches have held Agricultural meetings than were reported to me. The Directors were very good in sending reports from Conferences, but I think I should have asked personally each Constituency Convener for any reports. Some reports covered the two committees by one Convener, who handled both Agricultural and Canadian Industries topics.

A report like this is the kind that brings joy to the heart of a Convener, and I am sure, to those who hear them, "Mrs. Andrian, of the Bingham W.I., fully covered the Committee of Agriculture and Canadian Industries with a very good paper, including grain and grass growing, ranching, mining, dairy farming, gardens, fruit raising, fur farming, natural gas and oil wells, lumbering, pulp and paper mills, also the sugar industry." One feels there must have been something of interest there for everyone who heard it. What a contrast to another report, such as, "Convener gave statistics to show that business is going ahead."

As our Convener of Canadian Industries in the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada has pointed out, we have endeavored to study with a view to developing and stimulating interest in our industries, first at home in Alberta, then as connected with the whole Dominion. Things that can be made in the home, by "cottage industry," was a suggestion for study by our Convener. We know that our women are doing work of this kind anyway, but there are always new ideas to be gleaned from the experiences of others. Among those listed are carding wool, weaving, spinning, quilting, making wool comforters, knitting, dressmaking, needle work, rug-making in various ways, and making of wool blankets out of old woollens. One woman keeps Angora rabbits, cards and spins her own wool, and knits the yarn into suits, making a good living for herself.

Canning foods, crystallizing fruits, meats, and so on, is also mentioned, but I feel that this is encroaching on our Home Economics territory, so I shall not go into it in detail. One way of helping Canadian Industries is in the matter of window displays. Ask your local merchants to put on displays of Canadian-made goods or home products.

I think I can truthfully say keen interest has been taken in the study of Canadian Industries. I have received some very good papers that have been given, some reports, and have noticed a number of meetings on the subject mentioned in the papers, about which I received no report. Nevertheless, I am glad to know that the work is being carried on.

Some papers given were Alberta Industries, which mentioned about thirty industries—one on real silk, rayon and cellophane, a contest with members dressed to represent Canadian products, and one dealing with agriculture, mining, fish, manufacturing, lumbering, fur farming, and trading. Under agriculture it dealt with grain and grasses, fruit trees and shrubs, sugar beets, market gardening, poultry and live stock. In mining it covered coal, iron, copper, salt, oil and gas, asbestos, lead, platinum. In fishing, deep water and inland fishing and salmon canning. In manufacturing, the art of turning raw materials into finished products, chemical industries and fertilizers, pottery, hydro-electric power.

Other papers dealt with Turner Valley, the sugar beet and woollen industries, textiles, fishing and the use of airplanes in this, a bendable glass which is being developed by a Canadian firm, Moss-tex, paper from straw, and one on mining, which stated:

"Over seventy different minerals of economic importance are produced in Canada—ten of which account for over 90 per cent of the value of the total production. In order of value they are, gold, coal, copper, nickel, natural gas, zinc, lead, silver, petroleum, and platinum. Ontario maintained her lead as Canada's richest mineral province, followed by British Columbia, Quebec, Alberta, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Yukon, N.W. Territories, and New Brunswick. Today Canada takes first place among the world's nickel and asbestos producers; second in gold, platinum, cobalt and radium production; third in copper production, and fourth in lead and silver production.

"Coal is produced in large quantities in Alberta—at Drumheller, Mountain Park, Nordegg, Lethbridge, Edmonton, and Smoky River. From Canada comes over 90 per cent of the world's nickel supply, centred exclusively around Sudbury, Ontario. Alberta continues to be the leading producer in Canada of natural gas, accounting for over 65 per cent of the total. The chief Alberta field is at Turner Valley, with a gas field at Medicine Hat supplying both the domestic requirements and industrial needs of the huge pottery works located there. Other fields are scattered throughout the province, and development work is being carried on rapidly at present in a number of test fields."

The manufacturing industry has developed rapidly in Canada during recent years. This expansion has largely been confined to the older provinces, Ontario ranking highest, followed by Quebec and British Columbia. The industrial outputs exhibit a wide variety of products, the most important of which is newsprint material, for which Canada leads the world. We are fourth largest manufacturer of rubber products. The fur trade constituted Canada's earliest commercial interest, and now fur farming gives a rapidly growing new industry.

Production and marketing of milk has become one of Alberta's greatest industries, now exceeding even wheat in returns. The Central Alberta Dairy Pool opened a new \$125,000 milk condensery at Red Deer, with the most modern machinery for weighing, cleaning, sterilizing, evaporating, and canning the milk and packing it for shipment, with a production capacity of 60,000 pounds of milk per day.

An addition to the bitumin refinery at MacMurray was built, to give a capacity of 700 barrels per day of bitumin, to produce gasoline, two grades of Diesel oil and two grades of asphalt.

The new plant of Canada Packers Limited at Edmonton represents about the last word in packing plant efficiency. About 150 men were employed. A new venture in raising broom corn, which was considered a success from an agricultural standpoint, led to the opening of a branch at Taber of the Queen City Broom works. At first only five or six were employed, but an increase was expected.

For much information as to Canadian Industries I am indebted to the magazine, "Industrial Canada," which has been sent me free of charge by the publishers, and which contains all the latest available news each month concerning new industries and concerns started throughout the Dominion, and activities and developments in old industries. One issue complimented Canadian Women's Institutes for the way in which they were spreading information among members concerning Canada's industries. They consider our work of as great importance as we do, and it is to be hoped that the future will see even greater interest in this line than the past.

I would like to close my report by suggesting closer co-operation between the Branches and your Conveners. Is it asking too much for the Conveners of each Standing Committee to send a report of what has been done at their meeting to their Constituency Convener at once, while it is fresh news, and include paper, if one was given? Many of the papers have taken considerable time and study to prepare and are well worth passing on. Then, if each Constituency Convener sends these papers to your Provincial Convener, it will be an easy matter to give an accurate report of the work that has been covered.

REPORT OF HANDICRAFT

Mrs. J. Macgregor Smith, Edmonton, Convener.

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Madam President and Members of the A.W.I.:

In giving a brief report of my department for the last two years, I want to make it very clear that the work has grown and that most of this growth is due to the interest of the Constituency Conveners. I am not forgetting the Chairmen of Handicrafts, they, too, have done well. The Constituency Conveners have been the ones to get in touch with me for prize lists, score cards, and judges have carried out exhibitions at their Conferences. All this has helped to raise the standard of the work all over the Province.

Four letters have been sent out by your Convener to the Branches. The first was sent in time for the fall Conferences. This letter told you of our ambition "To raise the standard of work by concentrating on four classes." These four classes covered the four outstanding types of handwork, (1) Rugs, (2) Quilts, (3) Plain Sewing, (4) Knitting. This plan did not seem to meet with the approval of a number of the Institute members, so, after much pressure, we added two classes—Embroidery and Crocheting.

I wish to recommend to the new Convener of Handicrafts the idea of having a number of small travelling exhibits, with a few well-done samples, accompanied by full instructions. These might be kept with the Loan Collection. Without a standard with which to compare our work, we cannot improve.

Our President has forwarded two letters to me to answer—one from the executive of the Federated W.I., asking what we can send from Alberta (that is typical of Alberta) for a handicraft exhibition to be held in connection with the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Also a similar request from the Rural Women of the World has been made. There is one thing that I would like to see go, and that is, the almost perfect quilt done by the Calgary Women's Institute members.

The Calgary Branch of the Canadian Handicraft Guild have helped us, as they did before, by appointing three qualified judges—Mrs. T. Vandelinder, Miss M. L. Garrick and Miss Geneva Lent. Mrs. T. Vandelinder, the President of the Guild, also assembled a small exhibit. The co-operation of the Guild has been very much appreciated by all of us, and we wish to express our hearty thanks to the judges, for theirs was a difficult task.

The following are the results of the competitions, of which, as Convener, I am very proud:

Class 3502—Braided Rugs of Old Material—

1. No. 42P—Mrs. R. R. McClelland, Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.

Class 3503—Hooked Rugs of New Material—

1. No. 42P—Mrs. Thomas Angus, Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.
2. No. 29A—Mrs. Mark Atkinson, Alida W.I., Vegreville.
3. No. 13—Mrs. Ross Goodwin, Elnora.

Class 3504—Hooked Rugs of Old Material—

1. No. 42R—Mrs. Thomas Angus, Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.
2. No. 42O—Mrs. Thomas Angus, Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.
3. No. 42M—Mrs. A. Ekroth, Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.

Class 3505—Crochet Rugs of New Material—

1. No. 11B—Mrs. J. Moorehouse, Calgary W.I., Calgary.
2. No. 2—Mrs. J. B. Morley, Good Deeds W.I., Vulcan.
3. No. 48B—Mrs. S. Scott, Langdon W.I., Langdon.

Class 3506—Crochet Rugs of Old Material.

1. No. 10—Mrs. R. N. Patriquin, Thigh Hills W.I., Vulcan.
2. No. 56B—Mrs. E. Baldwin, Edmonton W.I., Edmonton.
3. No. 5—Mrs. Walker, Edmonton W.I., Edmonton.

Class 3507—Rugs, any other kind—

1. No. 56A—Mrs. J. W. Johnston, Edmonton W.I., Edmonton.

Class 3507A—Jute and Burlap Rugs—

1. No. 26—Irvine Women's Institute, Irvine.
2. No. 6—Mrs. A. McKague, Thigh Hills W.I., Reid Hill P.O.
3. No. 57B—Mrs. Otto Krebs, Rugby W.I., Didsbury.

Class 401—Patchwork Quilts of New Material—

1. No. 15—Mrs. R. P. Hickie, Calgary W.I., Calgary.
2. No. 53—Mrs. C. H. Stout, Calgary W.I., Calgary.
3. No. 42-7—Mrs. Hudson Grant, Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.

Class 402—Women's Institute Group Quilts—

1. No. 51—Calgary W.I.
2. No. 4—Peace River W.I.
3. No. 32—Veteran W.I.

Class 403—Quilted Quilts—

1. No. 14—Mrs. H. M. Regan, Excell, Springburn W.I.
2. No. 1—Mrs. R. H. McDougall, Penhold W.I., Penhold.
3. No. 43—Mrs. T. Spencer, Wetaskiwin W.I., Wetaskiwin.

Class 404—Quilts, any other kind—Tied, Crochet, Knitted, Applique, etc.—

1. No. 44D—Gwen Clelland, Angus Ridge W.I., Angus Ridge.
2. No. 44—Gwen Clelland, Angus Ridge W.I., Angus Ridge.
3. No. 9B—Mrs. G. Welborne, Winterburn W.I., Winterburn.

Class 501—Child's Dress or Blouse—

1. No. 42I—Mrs. Hudson Grant, Angus Ridge W.I., Angus Ridge.
2. No. 24C—Mrs. Geo. Woite, United Prairie W.I., Warner.
3. No. 59B—Mrs. S. S. Jorgenson, Burnt Lake W.I., Red Deer.

Class 601—Socks—

2. No. 42L—Mrs. Henry Richards, Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.
2. No. 9A—Mrs. F. Wild, Winterburn W.I., Winterburn.
3. No. 42J—Mrs. Hudson Grant, Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.

Class 601A—Hand-Spun Socks—

1. No. 37—Mrs. J. McGuire, Duffield W.I., Duffield.

Class 602—Fine Sweater—

1. No. 57—Mrs. B. Hartley, Calgary W.I., Calgary.
2. No. 3B—Mrs. E. G. Kelly, Calgary W.I., Calgary.
3. No. 3B—Mrs. E. G. Kelly, Calgary W.I., Calgary.

Class 701—Colored Embroidery—

1. No. 19B—Mrs. E. M. Humeny, Boyle W.I., Boyle.
2. No. 43D—Mrs. W. A. MacAllister, Wetaskiwin W.I., Wetaskiwin.
3. No. 18B—Mrs. R. Lawley, Echo Hill W.I., Picardville.

Class 702—White Embroidery—

1. No. 47D—Mrs. A. Carmichael, Calgary W.I., Calgary.
2. No. 44D—Mrs. W. E. Hayes, Stony Plain W.I., Stony Plain.
3. No. 22A—Mrs. A. Hamilton, Loyalist W.I., Loyalist.

Class 801—Fine Crochet—

1. No. 43—Mrs. T. Spencer, Wetaskiwin W.I., Wetaskiwin.
2. No. 47-13—Mrs. A. Carmichael, Calgary W.I., Calgary.
3. No. 59—Mrs. S. S. Jorgenson, Burnt Lake W.I., Red Deer.

Class 801A—Special—

1. No. 42B—Mrs. Gordon Thrisk, Angus Ridge W.I., Angus Ridge.

Champion Quilt—Won by Gwen Clelland, Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.

Champion Rug—Won by Mrs. Thos. Angus, Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.

Branch Winning Most Points—

1. Angus Ridge W.I., Wetaskiwin.
2. Calgary W.I., Calgary.

A splendid collection of samples dyed with vegetable dyes was shown by Mrs. Thos. Angus and Mrs. Gwen Clelland of Angus Ridge W.I.

During this Convention so many members have said, "Why don't we have demonstrations in some of the crafts?" If you would like some such demonstration at the next Biennial Convention in Edmonton, will you let your Provincial Council and Handicraft Convener know soon? These can be arranged. Mr. Cameron, the acting Director of the Extension Department, has promised his co-operation for such an undertaking.

REPORT ON CANADIANIZATION AND IMMIGRATION

Mrs. W. Rothwell, 229 Sixth Avenue East, Calgary, Convener.

Indications gathered from the press and other reports are that throughout Canada there is a general increase in sentiment favorable to a resumption of British immigration in conjunction with adequately financed and properly supervised family settlement on the land.

Organizations throughout the Dominion are studying the question of immigration, which is one of vital importance, and whatever individual views on this matter may be, it is the responsibility of all citizens to give it careful consideration, and during the past twelve months, educative literature in the form of pamphlets, circulars, and press reports, have been distributed throughout Canada.

That the settlement of new immigrants on the land will increase manufacturing and retail business throughout Canada is beyond argument. New immigration with financial land settlement will not only give our workers the work and wages they are asking for, but it will also help to solve our railway problem, and it will increase the number of taxpayers to help carry our tax burdens. At present we are but ten millions, carrying the taxation burden of twenty millions.

The Saskatchewan people are in favor of the Hornby plan of settlement, and on February 27th the Legislature passed an important resolution, endorsing the principle of a resumption of British Family Settlement in Canada.

The British Columbia Government, too, has approved of the proposals of Brigadier-General M. L. Hornby, and has offered to provide some land for establishing his settlements, and also has offered valuable concessions in the matter of taxation on improvements to land during the first two years of occupation.

The Nova Scotia Government has also given favorable consideration to the Hornby plan.

At the Imperial Conference, to be held in London, the question of the resumption of immigration to the colonies will be discussed, and the result of these deliberations will be noted with great interest by each one of us as citizens of a vast Empire.

Naturally, objections are heard in many quarters, the main argument being we have too many unemployed, and that we are over-producing in practically all lines of endeavor.

The argument against increased production is not sound; idleness never created anything. Increased production on the part of new settlers would scarcely be felt for three years after their arrival, and during this period they would be a stimulus to business.

Future immigration would be carefully controlled, and the selection of immigrants should be on their ability to take care of themselves financially and not become public charges.

Before the war, 1912-1913, immigration totalled 382,840; 1928-1929, 167,723, and last year 11,643 entered into Canada. For the six months ending June 30th, 1936, there were 912 British, 2,211 non-British, and origin not stated, 2,129, and this statement shows a further heavy balance of non-British immigration.

Deportation figures for 1936 show 549, with 153 British, and 69 public charges.

Twenty-nine children arrived from overseas last year and entered Fairbridge Farm School, Vancouver Island, B.C.

These children are carefully selected from poor homes in England, while they are still young enough to be adaptable, and in this school they are taught farming and home-making, besides their regular education.

To the Conveners of Canadianization and Immigration, I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation for the many reports received.

School children in all districts are receiving special attention; essays, drills, illustrated lectures, and excellent programs are provided. One Convener reports that the School Inspector in the district judged the essays written by the pupils and three cash prizes were donated by this Institute. These Empire studies are of great importance in our schools.

Major Norbury was invited by one Convener last October and he presented an illustrated lecture on "Canadian Art" not only to the school children in the afternoon, but also to the adults in the evening.

King George VI recently stated establishment of play centres made for the betterment of good citizenship for the growing boys and girls.

The members of the Alberta Women's Institutes are certainly fulfilling their duties as good Canadian citizens, attending the sick, distressed, supplying milk, eggs, vegetables, layettes, clothing and hampers at Christmas to those in need.

The radio today plays an important part in our lives. World-wide news is given daily, current events, lectures, debates, and educational value are derived from these broadcasts. To the sick and those living in isolated districts the radio is a great boon.

On coronation day, May 12th, the King will broadcast to all his subjects throughout the Empire. Municipalities and schools in the cities, towns and rural parts will no doubt celebrate the crowning of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in various ways.

The travelling library donated by Her Excellency Lady Tweedsmuir to the women in country points of Western Canada has been a wonderful contribution. These books are well received and read, and appreciation for this great need has been expressed.

Applications for Canadian citizenship have greatly increased the last few years. During 1934 applications in the Edmonton district totalled 864, and in 1935, 1,947 applied.

Women are now assuming public positions, and we should endeavor to secure responsible women and give them our whole-hearted support to fill offices whenever possible.

OUTLINE OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF HANDICRAFTS 1937-1939

Mrs. H. A. Fulcher, Millet, Convener.

1. Branches note that Mrs. Macgregor Smith's Shield is to be competed for at every Provincial Convention. The Institute winning the greatest number of points becomes holder of the shield until next Convention. If won three successive times by one Institute it becomes their property.

2. Every Constituency try to have a handicraft exhibit at your 1938 Constituency Conference.

3. The Classes of handicrafts for 1939 Convention are:

Class

RUGS

- 201—Braided Rugs of Old Material.
- 202—Hooked Rugs of New Material (clipped).
- 203—Hooked Rugs of Old Material (clipped).
- 204—Crochet Rugs of New Material.
- 205—Crochet Rugs of Old Material.
- 206—Hooked Rugs of New Material (unclipped).
- 207—Hooked Rugs of Old Material (unclipped).
- 208—Jute Rugs.
- 209—Rugs of any other kind.

QUILTS

- 301—Patchwork Quilts of New Material.
- 302—Women's Institute Group Quilts.
- 303—Quilted Quilts.
- 304—Quilts of any other kind—tied, crochet, knitted, applique, etc.

HAND SEWING

- 401—Child's Dress of Lady's Blouse.

KNITTING

- 501—Knitted Socks (fine).
- 502—Hand Spun Socks.
- 503—Fine Sweater.

EMBROIDERY

- 601—Colored Embroidery.
- 602—White Embroidery.

CROCHET WORK

- 701—Article of Crochet (70 thread or finer).

GLOVES

- 801—Leather Gloves.

All work exhibited must be done by a W.I. member, and each member may exhibit one entry in each class. All work is to be done since May, 1937.

OUTLINE FOR STANDING COMMITTEE OF HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS - 1937-1939

Mrs. Robt. Brebner, Duffield, Convener.

1. Loans for Home Improvement are offered by the Dominion Government to home owners. What can our Institute members do in their homes to add convenience or pleasure? Apply to the Dominion Government for information on the Loan and how to get it.

Read magazines and advertisements of paint and plumbing companies, lumber companies, etc., for suggestions to guide your alterations.

A roll call, "An improvement I have made this year", might bring forth good practical suggestions.

2. Try the suggested Household Economic meeting program in the 1935-1937 report.

3. Observe Household Economics' Week, the first week of April, by demonstrations, competitions or studies.
4. Make use of the Loan Collection and Department of Extension Library for books and material on Household Economics, and send your interesting and helpful papers to the Loan Collection.
5. Give book reviews on L. M. Gilbuth's "The Homemakes and Her Job," and Margaret Malone Vant's "In Times Like These."
6. Continue individual study of some phase of Household Economics as well as by group study.

OUTLINE FOR STANDING COMMITTEE OF CHILD WELFARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH - 1937-1939

Mrs. H. R. Evans, Innisfree, Alberta.

It seems there is so much I want you to do in your Child Welfare Study and Public Health. Yet you are all doing such splendid work along these lines that it is hard for me to specialize. I just want to say, "Carry on."

But I would like you to direct much of your work toward the health of the child. Every child is a potential leader, and without health he is severely handicapped. Therefore—

1. Continue to advocate inoculation and vaccination against all communicable diseases.
2. Educate against the spreading of social disease.
3. Co-operate with your teacher and school boards upon all points pertaining to the health of the children while at school.
4. Continue your study of the home nursing course and plan to take the first aid course, which is very essential for the home-maker.
5. Plan to help the young girls in your district to study these two subjects. I am sure they will enjoy doing so and will thereby gain some useful help.
6. Aim to have the healthiest community in the Province.

I hope these suggestions will help you, and please let me have 100% reports for the coming two years.

OUTLINE OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION AND BETTER SCHOOLS - 1937-1939

Every phase of the work of all the Standing Committees is educational, so that as the shingles overlap on a roof, so the work of the various committees fits together to form an educational fabric.

For the 1937-39 term every Institute is expected to continue with the good work that has been carried on during the past in such practical assistance in fostering education and better schools as:

- Helping with school fairs and festivals.
- Giving prizes to pupils making most progress during the year.
- Giving books and such magazines as the National Geographic to the school library.
- Providing milk for undernourished children.
- Assisting with immunization and medical inspection.
- Co-operating with teachers and school boards in keeping a clean and wholesome school.
- Keep your Publicity Convener informed of what you do in these or any other practical lines.

Now for education: In these days when so much stress is laid on adult education the Women's Institutes might well begin by studying their own organization, and to this end your Convener of Education and Better Schools will send to each Branch in the near future an article entitled, "What Should We Expect to Get For Our Provincial Dues?" It is hoped that every Branch will take time to study it, to think about it, to discuss it.

Take time for discussion of every subject you have on your program. **Learn to think things through.** When people will take the trouble to do their own thinking, when they will take nothing for granted, the day of the demagogue will be over and the world will be a safer and a happier place.

For 1938 another article will be prepared, the subject of which will be announced later.

Do not hesitate to write me at any time.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs. A. H.) MARION M. S. ROGERS,
11119 - 86th Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

OUTLINE FOR STANDING COMMITTEE OF CANADIANIZATION AND IMMIGRATION - 1937-1939

Mrs. W. Rothwell, 229 Sixth Avenue East, Calgary

1. Again I emphasize the importance of contacting newcomers in your community and extending them a hearty welcome.
 2. Urge the foreign-born to obtain their "Naturalization Papers", advising them of the valuable contribution they can make on becoming new Canadians.
 3. Endeavor to have a roll call answered during the year, giving the name of a good Canadian citizen.
 4. Immigration is expected to be resumed, and we can only wait for this important step to be taken. Meanwhile always report when called upon; present an outline of the life of one of the famous pioneers and the noble men and women who assisted by sacrificing and toiling to build up this wonderful Dominion of ours, and pay tribute to the splendid work they accomplished.
 5. Support all "Community Celebrations," National days—Dominion Day, etc.—in your district. Your assistance is required to arrange for pageants, plays, debates, essays and speakers.
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OUTLINE FOR STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, 1937-1939.

Mrs. C. Lynch-Staunton, Lundbreck, Convener.

- (1) Legal Rights of Minors pertaining to—
 - (a) Property rights.
 - (b) Protection against desertion and cruelty.
 - (c) Adoption and guardianship.
 - (d) Juvenile delinquency.
- (2) Review of the League of Nations with the supreme aim in view of maintaining WORLD Peace.

LOAN COLLECTION MATERIAL

League of Nations

The Eternal Wrong	Mrs. H. Olyan, Vegreville.
Lay Down Your Arms	Mrs. C. Mondey, Garrington.
Disarmament and Peace	Mrs. F. Nelson.
What Can We Do To Prevent War?	Mrs. George Bryan.
History of Disarmament	Mrs. E. A. Oatway.
Democracy	
An Appeal to Women	
Women's Part in World Peace	Mrs. E. A. Oatway.
Building the Roadway to Peace	Rev. F. H. Wilkinson.
International Friendship	Mrs. T. A. Cohoe.
World Peace	Mrs. A. E. Walker, Pres. F.W.I.C.
Canada and the League of Nations	
The League of Nations	Mrs. C. P. Bucknell.
The League of Nations	Mrs. A. K. Frame.
Copies of International Conciliation and the Monthly News Sheet from Ottawa may be had upon application.	

Legislation

Women of Various Countries in Public Life	Mrs. E. R. Morley.
History of British Legislation	Mrs. D. H. Galbraith.
Legislation	Mrs. M. J. Wheatley.
Property Laws Affecting Married Women	Hardwick Lynch-Staunton.
Naturalization of Married Women	Mrs. J. P. Ferguson.
Domicile of Married Women	Mrs. J. P. Ferguson.
Wills	Mrs. J. P. Ferguson.
The Management of the Estate of a Deceased Husband	H. Lynch-Staunton.
What it Means to be a Canadian Woman	Mrs. C. Lynch-Staunton.
Statutes Relating to Public Schools (1932)	

Child Welfare and Public Health

Insuring the Safety of the Milk Supply	Dr. Gordon Bates.
Happy Children (A Paper)	
Public Health (A Paper)	
The Mother, Her Children and the New World Order	Dr. Helen MacMurchy.
Adolescence	Dr. Geraldine Oakley.
Posture and Body Mechanics	A. S. Lamb, M.D.
How to Build Sound Teeth	Dept. Health of Canada.
Care of Teeth	Dr. Mulvey.
Habit Formation and Training	Canadian Child Council.
What is Malnutrition?	Lydia Roberts.
Motherhood	Miss Saxer, R.N.
Constipation (How to Correct it)	
Health	Lethbridge W.I.
Child Welfare and Public Health	Mrs. Wood, Taber.
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THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF CANADA CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

By Mrs. F. G. Grevett, Delegate

In fancy I shall take you on that long, delightful journey to Prince Edward Island, leaving Calgary on Tuesday, June 18th, 1935, at 5.20 p.m., reaching Charlottetown on Saturday Night at 10.40. The first visitor of note to Prince Edward Island was Jacques Cartier in 1534, and this is what he wrote home: "All the land is low and the most beautiful it is possible to see, and full of beautiful trees and meadows."

Ever since visitors to Canada's garden province have felt with this world explorer, that here is something to write home about. The red soil against the beautiful green fields and trees captivates one. This island, Canada's smallest province, is a million-acre summer vacation playground." Summer is long on the Island, and even in late September, visitors find it hard to tear themselves away from the delights of a sojourn there.

The Island people are most hospitable, and one quickly feels at home. We were met on arrival by Mrs. Shaw and other W.I. women, who graciously welcomed us and escorted us to the C.N.R. hotel. The Island people have a reputation for good living. Fresh fish just out of the water, succulent lobsters, milk-fed chicken, fresh vegetables, milk and cream, are all products for which Prince Edward Island is noted.

In Charlottetown, the capital city, there are many historic places, and chief among these is the Parliament Building, in which the famous meeting of 1864 took place to consider confederation of the several Provinces, which came into force on July 1st, 1867. Here we were privileged to meet around that historic table. One could not help feeling a thrill of pride and hope that our gathering might prove as momentous in the life of Canada as theirs did. In the public library is a room devoted to exhibits connected with the life of the late Robert Harris, one of Canada's foremost artists, who painted the famous picture, "The Fathers of Confederation." The charm of this Province, the colorful background of the history, and the tales and legends of their people, have been the theme of many noted writers.

In old Government House, Thomas Carlyle's first love reigned as First Lady of the Province, the famous 'Blumine' of Sartor Resartus. Not far from the site of Government House still stands the small dwelling in which she first saw light of day.

Farms cover the landscape like a checkerboard, and there are many picturesque towns and villages and excellent bathing beaches. The whole north shore of the Island, a distance of ninety miles, is a series of fine white sand beaches, beaten hard by the constant pounding of the surf. Two of these beaches are each no less than twenty miles long. The water deepens gradually, and the bather is protected shoreward from the wind by the high sand dunes rising from ten to forty feet. One delightful day was completely given to a drive round the Island, where we visited several points of interest en route. At Cavendish we were entertained to a Fish and Potato Flour Cake Luncheon, and later we visited at the home of Mrs. MacMillan, where we were entertained at Tea by the Cornwall W.I. in the beautiful garden surrounding her home.

Prince Edward Island is also the home of a unique and growing industry, which originated and has had its largest and most successful development here—the black and silver fox industry. There are over six hundred fox ranches scattered over the Island, and pelts are being shipped to all parts of the world.

The garden party at the historic Government House, one hundred years old, was given in honor of the delegates attending the joint Convention of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and the Provincial W.I. of Prince Edward Island. Received by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor DeBlois and His Gracious Chatelaine, the delegates relaxed from routine duties to enjoy the beauty of their surroundings. On the high ground across Hillsboro Bay they could see Fort La Joie, which was established by the French before the fall of Quebec.

The business meetings of the Board were all interesting. Slight amendments, widening the scope of the Board's representation and making provision for future development, were contained in the newly amended constitution and by-laws of 1935. Among some of the subjects considered were the welfare work of the Women's Institutes, the relation of Institutes to industry, and the W.I. acre in the International Peace Garden.

Mrs. A. H. Rogers, Recording Secretary, reported 2,672 Institutes in Canada, with a membership of 71,107. Eight life memberships had been awarded for outstanding service to the organization. Mrs. Rogers also stressed the importance of assembling W.I. records for the compiling of Women's Institute history.

Prize-winning exhibits of Nova Scotia's portfolio contests among children were displayed, and this scheme was recommended to all provinces. The study of trade treaties was suggested as a means of stimulating interest in national industries. Co-operation with Governmental Departments, and all movements for the prevention of disease, and improvement of health conditions generally was stressed by Mrs. E. E. Petch, of Quebec.

The need for closer contact with Manufacturers' Associations was urged by Miss M. V. Powell, who spoke on the matters to be taken up with the C.M.A., such as, labels on yardage, or clothing goods, which give quality, grades or facts concerning the construction or definite performance of the article, as to shrinkage, color fastness and fabric durability.

Laxity of Canadian laws providing for naturalization of new citizens came in for much discussion, and it was the expressed opinion of Mrs. W. H. Peake, Convener of Canadianization, that Canada might well follow the U.S.A. in the matter of examinations of prospective citizens. "Citizenship would be prized more highly if such a method were followed," the delegates said. The Jacques Cartier celebration last year had done much to create interest and make for a united national sentiment between the two great peoples.

Promotion of handicrafts had provided an absorbing medium for friendliness to erstwhile foreign-born, who had a rich contribution to make to Canada. Discussion of uniform school text books revealed great differences of opinion. The weakness of the present educational system throughout Canada, delegates believed, was that it was planned for academically-minded children. Every Province realized the necessity of providing a greater variety of courses for the requirement of all the children, it was felt.

The Premier of Prince Edward Island said, "The Women's Institutes are a mighty force in the land, counteracting insidious influences, and a great comfort and inspiration to Government Leaders." Mr. H. R. Stewart, Deputy Provincial Secretary, gave a detailed description of the Confederation tablet.

Miss Elizabeth MacMillan, Superintendent of Prince Edward Island Women's Institutes, made the following encouraging statement, "Despite the fact that the past year has been a difficult financial one for many of our rural people, there has been continued progress on all lines of Institute work, which reflects credit on the energetic and zealous efforts of our members." The Hon. Thos. MacNutt, Minister of Agriculture, declared that when our Canadian women undertake any work they achieve their objective.

Dr. F. W. Patterson, President of Acadia University, was the outstanding speaker of the joint Convention. He said, "Women's Institutes would do well to urge upon Governments the need of encouraging research work aimed at better living conditions in the homes of Canada. The hope of the future lies not in less research, but in more research. Instead of curtailing expenditures on scientific discovery in times of depression, it is the proper time to increase outlays in that field. Industry has only just begun to satisfy human wants, and in that realm may lie the solution to the problem of economic recovery."

Miss Bess McDermid, Superintendent of Ontario W.I., and Miss Hazel McCain, Superintendent of Quebec W.I., gave excellent addresses, the former on "Pioneering, Past and Present", and the latter on "Adult Education."

"Promoting Peace on the Pacific" was the topic chosen by our Publicity Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey Price, who represented the Federated Women's Institutes at the Pan-Pacific Conference in Honolulu. I would suggest W.I. members read these addresses, which are recorded in the report of the Ninth Biennial Convention.

Last but not least was the excellent speech by our gracious Federated President, Mrs. A. E. Walker, of Bartonville, Ontario, who shipped a large box of home-grown tomatoes from her farm for our banquet. "Show me the house with an abundance of shelves filled with good books, where ideas are regarded as the most necessary furnishings of the home, where music is listened to and discussed, instead of being turned on and off again like a hot bath, where people can sit in the evenings sometime and just talk without needing the radio, the bridge-table, the movie or the auto to make life bearable; there you will see children who will be the educated men and women of tomorrow and who will be able to spend to advantage their leisure time, be it much or little." This quotation from Mrs. Walker's address gives you some idea of the many timely and thoughtful remarks given us.

Deep regret was felt at the absence of Mrs. Cameron, Honorary President: Miss Stuart and others. Mrs. A. H. Rogers, Recording Secretary of the Federated W.I. for fifteen years, was honored with a life membership in appreciation of her faithful service. The President, Mrs. Walker, reminded the delegates of the meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World, to be held in Washington, D.C., in 1936, and expressed the wish that we avail ourselves of the services of the fine women from other countries who may be visiting in our several provinces.

In closing this report, I sincerely thank you for the wonderful privilege you afforded me of meeting the representatives from Pacific to Atlantic shores, as your representative at the Federated Convention.

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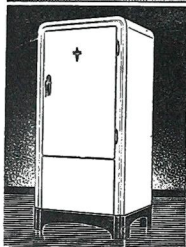
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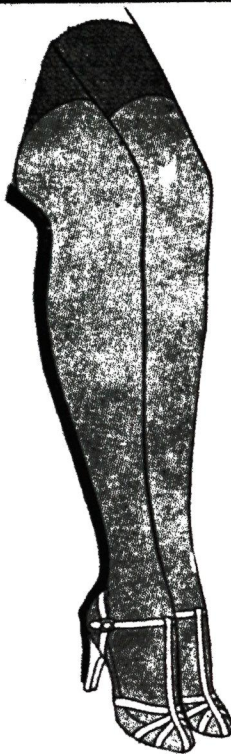
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